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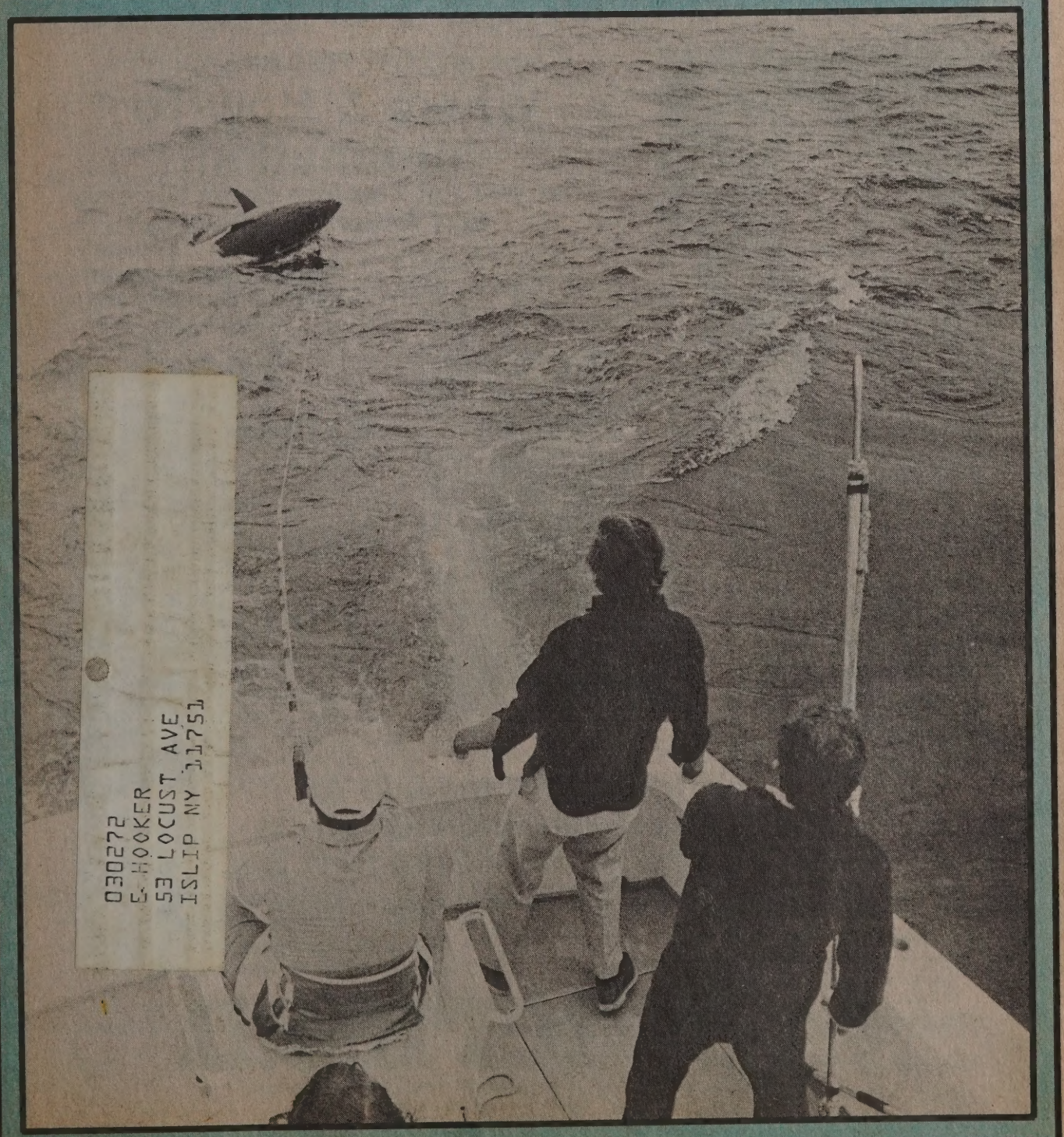

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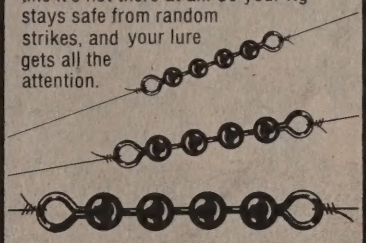

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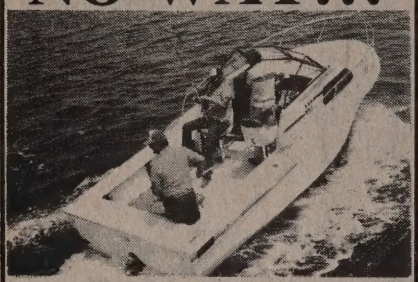

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NY ASSEMBLY APPRAISES STATE'S MRF FUTURE

The Chairman, Committee on Environmental Conservation of the New York State Assembly, Assemblyman Maurice D. Hinchey, addressed several problems facing New York State which are shared by a number of coastal states with regard to management of coastal finfish and shellfish stocks. Mr. Hinchey's remarks appeared in the Environmental Conservation Committee's Annual Report for last year and have been excepted in the following section.

Many residents of New York State fail to realize that fishing not only includes the famous trout and salmon fishing found in the Adirondacks, Catskills, Great Lakes, and Finger Lakes, but also an extremely valuable saltwater (marine) fishery located off New York City and Long Island. This marine fishery provides a large percentage of all the fish sold for commercial purposes in the State. More than 80 species of fish and shellfish are harvested from the marine waters of New York State which in 1979 amounted to 37 million pounds of food. The wholesale value of fish taken and sold in the State that year amounted to $38,457,739 with shellfish bringing in $28,000,000 of that total. When the amount of recreational fishing for marine sport fish is added to the commercial fishing, the total value of the marine fishery approaches one billion dollars, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Management of the marine fishery presents unique problems according to the witnesses who spoke at Committee hearings. One person after another stated that DEC did not have the money, equipment or manpower to carry out the management program assigned to it. The testimony also revealed that because of the vast

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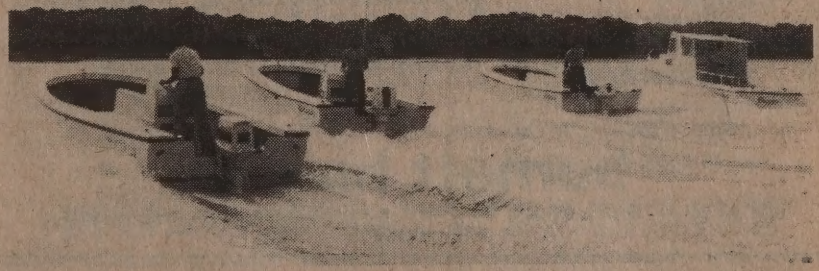

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array of environmental problems facing Long Island, from toxic contamination of landfills to inadequate sewage treatment, the future of the marine fishery is troubled. Even though the resources of the DEC are stretched thin to provide the management and protection that currently exists, witnesses felt it was unlikely that there will be a major improvement in the near future. Exacerbating the problem are budget cuts and hiring freezes in the DEC that in all likelihood will continue in the first half of the 1980s.

One solution to the funding problem that limits DEC's ability to manage and protect the State's marine fishery resources would be the enactment of legislation to create a marine fishery resources conservation fund. This fund, modeled after the existing freshwater conservation fund, would be used to enhance, manage and protect our marine fishery, and would be limited to only those purposes. The major issue here is the source of revenue for the fund. At the present time, no licenses are required by commercial **or** recreational fishermen. Lacking a license fee for saltwater fishing, it is unlikely that shellfish, lobster, menhaden, and non-resident food-fish permits would produce enough revenue to create a marine fishery resources conservation fund, since these permits only bring in about $140,000 per year.

The question for the State Legislature to resolve is whether sport and commercial fishermen would support the creation of the saltwater fishing licenses needed to provide the money necessary to protect the resources that this activity utilizes. The answer so far, is a resounding "no" from sportsmen and the public.

In considering the marine resources issue, the Environmental Conservation Committee faces the difficult task of balancing commercial and recreational fishing interest. The two groups share only one common ground—the need to find the funds necessary to protect and manage the resource they both use. Because this critical need extends beyond the current financial resources, the Committee will seek to appropriate additional public funds in the state budget to protect marine fishery resources until other funding methods are found.

The Sport Fishing Institute is concerned that the marine fishery conservation fund referenced in Mr. Hinchey's report, faces very real jeopardy should it remain dependent upon appropriations of public revenues from the state's general treasury.

Marine recreational anglers must realize that they possess the key to resolving the very real problem faced in New York as outlined by Assemblyman Hinchey. They are the sole source and ultimate benefactors of a dedicated fund, earmarked for the conservation, protection and development of the coastal finfish and shellfish resources which support their

recreational enjoyment. Many finfish stocks of prime importance to recreational anglers are migratory and require careful husbandry by ALL states that share the marine fisheries wealth. It is for these reasons that the Sport Fishing Institute shares the consensus expressed in the recent legislation introduced by U.S. Congressman Hal Sawyer (MI) which seeks to implement licensing programs for marine anglers in all coastal states. [Reprinted courtesy S.F.I.]

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Headquartered at Hudson Point Fishing Station on Hudson Canal, Freeport, the Hudson Anglers 3rd Annual L.I. Tuna Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 with rain dated Sunday, Sept. 25. Weigh-ins will be at Guy Lombardo Marina. Entry fee is $100 per boat. The contest starts at 12:01 AM, Sept. 24 and ends at 6PM, same day. Three cash prizes will be awarded and there will also be an optional $100 dock pool and also a prize for the heaviest marlin.

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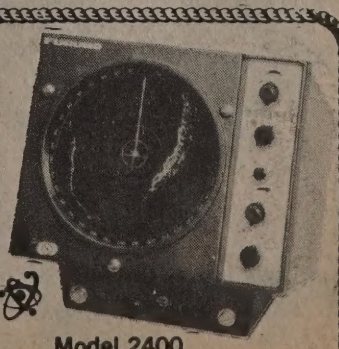

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

by Matt Ahern

The author faces some hard to swallow realities confronting the open boat game.

As many of you who read these weekly articles know, my mail load is quite heavy. It seems every kind of letter pertaining to fishing has been sent to me at one time or another. These may be happy letters, sad letters, enthusiastic letters, and complaining letters—whatever. Their multitudes of subjects cover shore fishing, skiff fishing, party boat fishing—and you-name-it. Lately, though, I've been receiving a number of complaints about conditions aboard party boats. All kinds. Although, surprisingly, not much at all about the slow fishing we often encounter—we realize, I guess that, as the man says, yer pays yer money and yer takes yer chances.

No; many of these party boat complaints run the gamut from mates who fish when the going is slow, to mates who don't know how to cut up bait, to surly mates who could care less about their passengers welfare. Few complain about the skipper.

Many complaints also focus on those "half-day" trips, where I'm told much time is spent "running around" than in actual fishing. This seems to be a common gripe. How true this is I don't know simply because I haven't made a half-day trip since 1930, or so. Another biggie is gilding the results of previous fishing trips when reporting to the media.

As one disgruntled fisherman put it: "What's going on?"

Now, I'm always willing to take the part of a party boat mate solely because I put in many years in that taxing job. I know that when one deals with the public, be they fishermen or supermarket shoppers, all is not a bed of roses. But as fifty million Frenchmen can't be wrong, I figured where there's smoke there's fire, even if the blaze is coming from only a few.

Now, that is the gist of the letters I receive. I know when things go well and party boat fishing hits its stride, these letters of complaint become few and far between. Everyone happy and satisfied. Human nature and all that. So I figured the boys are only letting off steam. Or so I thought. But lo and behold, one day I discovered just how naive I'd been.

Let's take it from the beginning, the beginning being a recent sea bass wreck fishing trip.

"I'll never go out on this boat again!"

Sound familiar? It does if you've been party boat fishing any length of time. I've found through experience

A good mate is "worth his weight in gold."

that there are two kinds of fishermen who make this remark: those who actually mean it, and those who say it to alleviate the frustration we all feel when fish fail to cooperate. Each needs to vent his feelings; and who among us can deny fishermen this privilege? Therefore, it is the skipper and his crew who must by needs bear the brunt of these fellow's discouragements.

Now—a good skipper and his crew understand this, and while the complaining is annoying and all that, it is, and always has been, part of the fishing game. When fish fail to cooperate, there's nothing we as fishermen can do about it, except perhaps to shrug our shoulders and say better luck next time. Sure, grouse and complain if you must. But that won't alter the fact that there's no fish in your bucket. So, if you mean it when you threaten never to "go out on this boat again," everyone will understand your feelings. But that doesn't help the innocent skipper who is breaking his neck to get you fish. That should be understood, too.

Sure, I can hear you saying—you always stick up for the skipper. You bet your life I do. Absolutely. After nearly 60 years of party boat fishing, I've found only one skipper who actually didn't care if his passengers caught fish or not—which you'll agree is a pretty good batting average.

Okay, now that we're squared away on that, let me, as I say, tell you of a recent fishing incident I witnessed, one in which I sympathized wholeheartedly with both passengers and skipper. After you've finished reading, I'm sure you will ask yourself, as I did, just "what's going on?"

It was a windy day, this day I want to tell you about, and as the day progressed it became more so. The skipper, as well as those experienced sinker bouncers on board, were certain sea bass would be tough to come by. Gusty west winds and a strong full-moon nurtured ebb tide would surely make the fine art of anchoring over a sea bass wreck a more demanding task than usual. But the passengers wanted sea bass and sea bass it would be. Do or die.

Well, we arrived at the wreck site and after much maneuvering, the skipper finally got the anchor over. No fish. Re-anchor. Still no fish. One hour passed; then another. Not a bite. Up anchor; try again. No action. This continued for the better part of the morning and the skipper was beginning to wear himself thin. It was enough to make the most die-hard sinker bouncer discouraged.

I was fishing in the stern and just as bored to tears as the rest of the guys. My attention was diverted now and then by a young crew member, a kid who at times reminded me of myself 55 years ago when I, too, was learning the party boat ropes. Maybe he was fourteen. At the moment he was busily slicing skimmer, but for what reason I didn't know, for certainly there were no fish coming up to warrant such effort.

Fishing near me was a party of four and one of these fishermen said something about it being too bad there were no fish. Just ordinary party boat conversation. I agreed. The kid, though, put his bait knife aside and said in a know-it-all tone of voice: "We're over the wreck," he said, as a bit of enlightenment for the know nothing fishermen on board. "We can't help it if the fish don't bite."

Without a doubt he was passing on information he'd picked up from someone who knew even less than he did. Well, he might have been right on that second part about the fish not biting, but in no way were we over the wreck. This was the only time in over a half-century of wreck fishing that I can recall failing to get "hung-up," or losing sinkers and/or hooks. We just weren't over that wreck. Period. I said nothing, just mentally chalked up the remarks to loyalty, with perhaps a bit of ignorance thrown in for good measure, and let it go at that.

I returned to the nonexistent fishing and it was a minute or so later when that same discouraged fisherman said in vexation: "I'll never go out on this boat again!" It was here that the kid stepped completely out of line. He looked at the fisherman and said: "That's fine with me."

The hapless fisherman and I exchanged glances. An old-timer behind me muttered: "I heard it, but I don't believe it."

I was shocked. That's the only word for it. By golly, those letters of complaint were right. I know that while learning the party boat ropes had I made such a remark, two things would have happened. First, I would have gotten the back of a hand across my smart-aleck mouth; secondly, the skipper would have been told and I'd have gotten a number ten boot you know where. And not only that, I'd have been banished from that party boat forever. No ifs, ands, or buts.

But whether those letters were right or not isn't the point. What I want to bring out is this: What's going on? Is the lack of respect for our fellow humans so prevalent that it is now being noticed in the fishing game? Are the few who should never be in the fishing business in the first place, spoiling it for those who should? It would seem so.

Fellers, I'll tell you the truth. I never thought I'd see the day it would be necessary to write an article such as this. Where is it all going to end? I wish I knew. But I know this: if that innocent skipper and others like him who are suffering under the same burden don't do something fast, he and every innocent, conscientious, hard-working party or charter boat mate will suffer accordingly. They'll find it difficult not to be tarred with the same brush. No fisherman will put up with surly mates and those who car little for their jobs.

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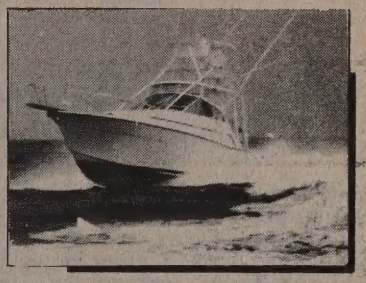

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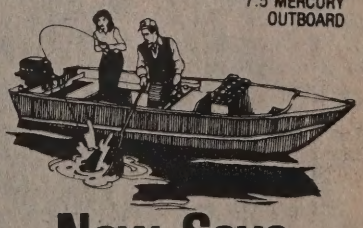

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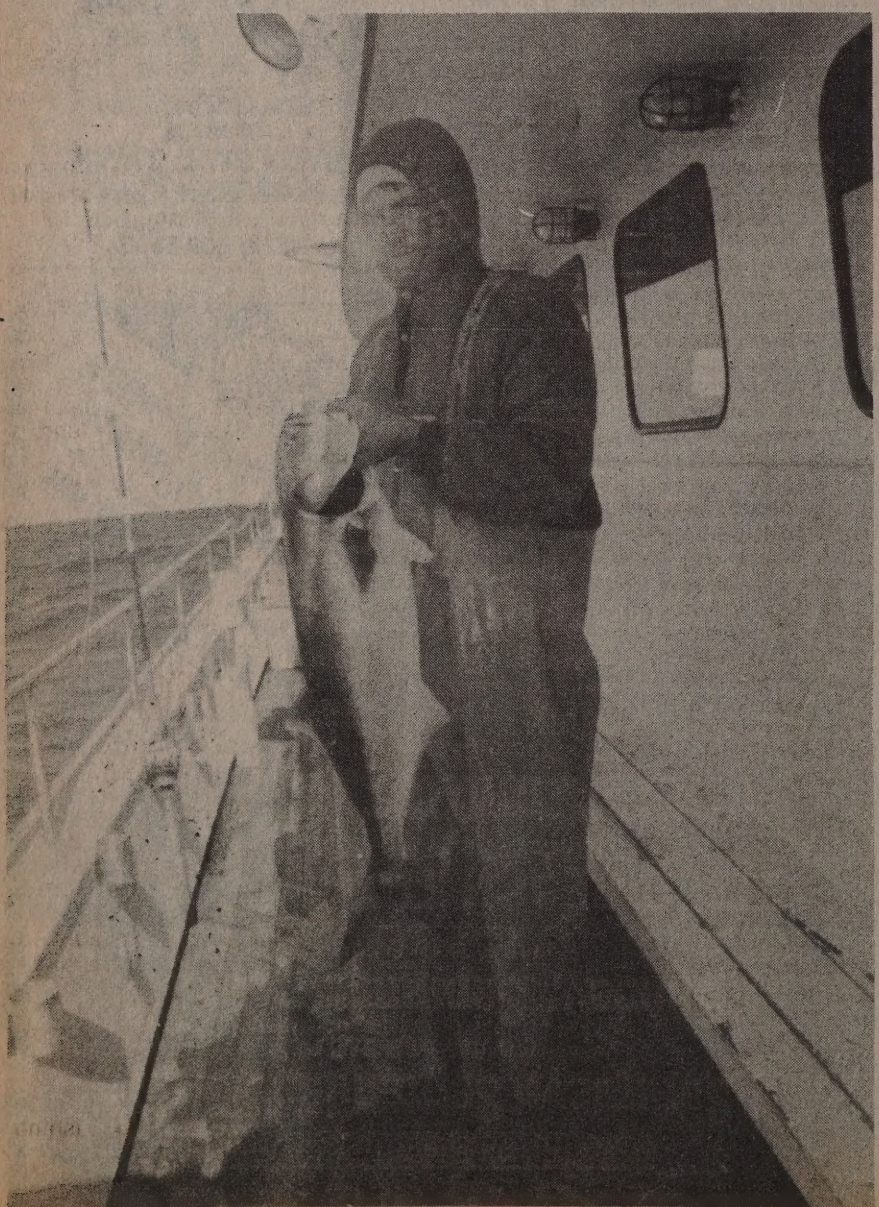
FALL FOR BIGHT BLUES

by Sal Terranova

Metropolitan area anglers can count on some of the best bluefishing of the year as autumn unfolds.

What can only be described as the best bluefishing the New York Bight has to offer, occurs in the fall. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on your point of view, fall is the time of year when many fishermen either turn their attention towards other species or prepare to stow away their tackle for the winter, sometimes leaving party boat captains and mates literally begging for enough fares to warrant sailing for some of the best party boat action of the season!

If it's quality, rather than quantity that you seek, autumn is the time of year for you to be out bluefishing. It is a well-known fact among those in the know that alligator blues are consistently caught in the waters of the Bight between roughly, late September and early November. When I say alligators, I mean ALLIGATORS! To give you an idea of the size of the fish involved, permit me the indulgence of doing a bit of boasting. One day last October, just before Halloween, I went fishing for blues aboard Captain Bob Wiegand's open boat "Flamingo III," which sails out of Gerritsen Creek and managed to boat a dozen blues by day's end. Except for a lone runt weighing a mere eight pounds, all the rest of my fish were 11 pounds or better, including two 15 pound fish and one that pushed 17 pounds. Lo and behold, my biggest fish didn't even come close to the 18 pound plus (maybe 19 pounds) pool winner, and there were several other anglers aboard who had fish that came awful close to that prize-winning brute! Lest you think that a dozen blues are not all that many for a day's effort, I hooked at least twice as many fish as I landed. However, between the inevitable tangles, fish throwing the hook, fish swallowing the jig up to the line and cutting it off, blues biting through wire leaders, blues biting through the bottom of the boat, etc., I only landed a mere dozen fish that totaled only about 130 pounds. Boy, I cried the blues all the way home!



Big blues such as this are typical of New York Bight fall run blues.

Now that you have an idea of what you have been missing (that was an exceptional day), let's examine why such large blues are caught with such regularity at this time of the year, and let's take a look at some of the other positive aspects, besides the quality and quantity of the fish, that this fall bluefishing offers.

Each autumn, huge concentrations of large bluefish pass along the southwestern shore of Long Island as they migrate south for the winter. As they approach the environs of New York Harbor, they, of course, must "hang a sharp left" to cut down along the Jersey Coast to continue their southward movement. These large fish are those that have spent the summer cavorting off of Montauk and up in New England. The blues pass through the Bight from late September until mid-November, sometimes lingering as late as Thanksgiving in small schools and given unusually mild weather. These large blues are better able to endure the fast-chilling waters of late fall than their smaller brethren, the cocktail blues (one to three pound fish) which infest the waters of the Bight all summer long, but are usually gone by the end of September. This endurance to cold accounts for the lateness of the alligators migration. The migrant alligators often team up with the lesser numbers of large blues that are present in the Bight throughout the

summer, and are now also preparing to make tracks for warmer climes. Since migrating is not an easy task, and the fish need to fatten up for the oncoming winter, the blues ravenously consume any prey unfortunate enough to come within their reach. Though it is well known that blues possess voracious appetites, their ferociousness during the fall migration borders on the unbelievable!

The combination of all these factors—the ravenous appetites, the occasional merging of various bodies of large fish from different locales, and the absence of the cocktail blues which eliminates their competing with the larger fish for anglers' bait, results in hectic action with these alligators.

Besides the fantastic action, there are other advantages to fishing for blues at this time of the year. Thanks to those who persist in believing that all fishing action grinds to a screeching halt the day after Labor Day (fortunately, a rapidly-dwindling group), the party boats tend to sail with fairly light crowds, except for the weekends. Even so, the weekend crowds in the fall are nowhere near as bad as the mobs often encountered on summer weekends. As the increasingly chilly temperatures and brisk winds of autumn begin to take hold, many owners of small private vessels decide to call it a season, and take their boats out of the water, thus minimizing the amount of boat traffic encountered on the fishing grounds. Last, but certainly not least, is the possibility of a bonus striped bass or two. As you probably know, any party boat sailing from Sheepshead Bay or Gerritsen Creek has to traverse the waters of the Tin Can Grounds in order to get to such bluefish grounds as 17 Fathoms or, the Farms, further offshore. Starting roughly around Columbus Day, schoolie stripers are often found on the Tin Can Grounds, especially in the early morning, when the boats are heading offshore. If the captain marks any fish on the graph recorder, he may decide to make a drop or two before going on to the bluefish grounds. Slow jigging with a diamond jig, or even better, a Tiger Tail or Nordic Eel bounced along the bottom slowly, may net you a bonus bass or two, most likely schoolies; but stripers into the 20s are occasionally caught here in this manner. Don't count on this action by any means, but it is a possibility, so be prepared.

All right, enough hype. How do you go about catching these alligators and with what? On party boats, fall blues are caught either by jigging or bait-fishing. Charter and private craft may catch them by trolling, but that doesn't concern us. On certain days the fish will mostly hit jigs, while on other days they may show a marked preference for bait. Then there are those days when switching back and forth from one method to the other may prove to be the best way to fill up the back of a station wagon with alligators. Thus, the smart angler will be

These slammers put tackle and angler to the test.

prepared to meet all possibilities. Keep in mind that some party boats will be strictly jigging, therefore, they may not have bait on board. So the smart angler, again prepared to meet all eventualities, will make certain he brings along some porgy or blackfish hooks and a couple of skimmer clams to catch his own bait off the bottom in the form of a bergall or small ling. More on this later.

Before we go on to describe tackle and methods, I want to be certain to make two things clear. The fishing we are talking about here takes place during the day. Nighttime bluefishing is strictly a bait-and-chum proposition. However, as the fall progresses, few boats bother making night trips, or limit them solely to weekend nights, due to fewer anglers showing interest, and the superb action on the day trips. Throughout this article, I have mentioned party boats sailing from Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek in Brooklyn. Lest I have given you the impression that only boats sailing from these two ports fish the Bight, let me point out that party boats sailing from north Jersey ports such as Belmar and Brielle, and Long Island boats from Freeport, and occasionally from Captree, also fish the waters of the New York Bight.

To give you an idea of the type of tackle to use, let me describe the two types of outfits I fish for alligators with. One consists of a "meat stick," a seven foot heavy duty codfishing rod with a Penn 140M Squidder reel filled to the brim with 30 pound test Ande mono. A 3/0 Penn Senator (fast retrieve, red side plate version) with 40 pound test on the same type of rod may be even better, especially for the uninitiated. I use the meat stick and Squidder for bait fishing. My other outfit, the one I use for jigging, is a 6½ foot, 20 pound class Fenwick trolling rod, with a fast retrieve conventional reel, the Daiwa Sealine 50H, which is loaded with 300 yards of 30 pound test. Many party boat regulars use the Penn Jigmaster for jigging, so much so that this reel has become "The Jigging Reel," and it certainly is a good choice. I prefer the Daiwa because it is a bit faster on the retrieve.

As far as spinning tackle or light tackle in general is concerned, stay away from it whenever you fish on a party boat. Alligator blues are powerful and hard to control. Even with the heavy conventional gear mentioned above, tangles can be a problem. There is no doubt that large blues can be caught on light tackle. I once caught an 11 pound blue on four pound test ultra-light gear from a party boat. That impressed a few anglers, and annoyed the hell out of everybody else! As a matter of common sense and courtesy, save the spinning gear and other light stuff or private vessels and charter boats.

Many fall alligators are caught by jigging. In the last decade, the superabundance of sand eels in the waters of the Bight and Long Island in general, radically changed party boat bluefishing. Prior to the sand eel explosion, party boat bluefishing was strictly a bait-and-chum affair, even in the daytime. Now, daytime fishing is mostly jigging. Enough history. To meet this new situation, a plethora

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of lures have evolved, most of which are variations of the original bluefish killer—the single-hooked, swiveled diamond jig, best exemplified by the Ava 27 and 47. Sand eel jigs, DeMayo jigs, Vike jigs, Banana Twists, and Splits, etc., are all good lures and will catch fish, though some may work better than others on certain days and conditions. If your wallet can afford it, it makes sense to include a couple of ALL these lures in your tackle box. If not, stick to your basic single-hooked jig, the Ava 47. After all has been said and done, I have found that the four and six ounce Ava's are the most consistent producers. Bring along about a half-dozen Ava's in the four and six ounce sizes, some with tails, others without and you should be okay. Keep in mind that when the alligators are biting hot and heavy, it is not unheard of to go through six jigs in short order with breakoffs and blues swallowing the jig and cutting the line with their renowned teeth. In order to minimize the loss of lures, it may be a good idea to tie a two foot leader of 60 or 80 pound test mono between the jig and the line, securing the latter connection with a barrel swivel. This won't necessarily prevent the alligators from biting through your line, but it will help.

Although everyone refers to this process as "jigging" blues (myself included), this term is actually a misnomer. The proper term for this method of fishing is "speed squidding." Although some anglers drop the jig to the bottom, most likely because they have trouble casting with conventional reels, the proper method calls for the casting (underhand) of the jig as far away from the boat as possible, and letting the jig settle to the bottom. Overhead casting is not allowed on party boats, for obvious reasons. The instant the jig touches bottom, the reel is put into gear, and the jig is retrieved as rapidly as you can turn the handle. There are only two speeds at which you should retrieve your jig: FAST and FASTER! The party boat regulars have a saying: "If your arm ain't hurting, you ain't reelin' fast enough." Words truer than those have not yet been spoken. When the boat stops and the captain blows the whistle to signal the drop, be ready at the rail and get your lure in the water pronto. Often only a few fish are marked on the graph recorder and those anglers ready at the rail will manage a quick fish or two before the speedy blues are off or the boat drifts off of them. When the fish are thick, this is not that crucial, but it always pays to be prepared.

There are two methods employed in bait fishing for alligators. One is bottom fishing with a drail or sinker; the other entails drifting out a baited hook with a shot on to take it just under the water. The latter is the same rig used in chum fishing for blues. The first bottom fishing rig consists of a four ounce drail tied to the end of your main line. A three foot length of mono leader connects the other end of the drail to the bluefish hook on a short length of wire leader. The second bottom rig consists of a three-way swivel tied to your main line with a sinker on two feet of line tied to another eye. To the remaining eye, tie two feet of line with a bluefish hook on a short wire leader on the end. These rigs can be baited with bunker back, smelts, mackerel chunks, or herring. The first two baits are the ones most often used on the party boats. Let the blues chomp on the bait awhile before setting the hook. When you strike, strike hard, and then watch out! Earlier in this article I mentioned catching and using live bait such as bergalls. Using either one of these two rigs, hook the bergall just above the "shoulder," taking care not to drive the hook too deep thus severing the spine and killing the bait. Live bergalls sometimes work wonders when the action slows down. They often account for some of the biggest blues and I, along with many others, have won quite a few pools using live bergalls. Let the bluefish chomp on the bergall a bit, give him time to swallow the poor critter, and then knock his socks off when you strike.

The other bait rig mentioned above is simple enough. Just tie a bluefish hook on a short wire leader with a **black** barrel swivel directly to the end of your line. About two feet above the hook attach the appropriate weight shot or clinch sinker. Bait the rig with a bunker back or a smelt, and strip out line, a couple of feet at a time, until you get a hit, or have gone out too far. Since you are fishing in free spool, the bluefish will automatically strip off a couple of feet of line upon striking. Put the reel into gear **first**, and then stick him hard. Since this rig has no heavy weights on it, it maximizes the blue's fight and is the rig I like to use most.

Be certain to check your drag and set it accordingly. A "sticky" drag will cost you fish and broken lines. Don't set your drag too tight, but don't set it too loose either or you will be chasing the fish all over the boat. Apply pressure when you have to, but don't try to "horse" the fish in either. Believe me, even with the heavy tackle I recommend, horsing these alligators will only bring you grief. "Walk" the fish around the boat if you have to (you will have to!) to avoid tangles. Follow the fish at all times, and watch out for the prop or the anchor line. Let the fish fight the rod, and let him take the line if he is determined. Take your time and always call for the gaff. If you have to wait for the mate to come with the gaff, keep the fish a couple of feet under the surface, rather than pulling him half out of the water, since you may pull the hook right out. Bring along a pair of needle-nose pliers to remove hooks, and watch out for those teeth! Oh, and don't forget the Ben-Gay for your sore arms and shoulders!

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SHORESIDE SCUP

by Gerald Hahn

Many north shore beaches become readily accessible after Labor Day, opening the door to some fine porgy action.

One of the easiest fish to catch from a beach is the scup, commonly known as a porgy in New York. Especially is this so from around mid-September to mid-October, when these migrating fish are heading back to the Continental Shelf. At this time they literally clog the inshore waters of Long Island Sound. Yet during the porgy run, many surfcasters would rather fish for snapper blues and other game fish. Perhaps they don't want to bother with porgies because the fish are so bony and difficult to clean. You need a welder's goggles when attempting to scale a porgy. Other people simply do not enjoy fishing for bottom feeders, which they claim provides little excitement.

Neither happens to be the case. First of all, porgies are one of the tastiest fish in the northeast. Ask any Oriental chef—and who doesn't love Chinese cooking?—and he will extol the porgy, elevate it to almost the same plane as the sea bass. In fact, last year an article in the New York Times revealed that at certain seafood restaurants, porgy fillets were being illicitly passed off as red snappers and that even gourmets were deceived. The point is also that by late summer the porgies are large enough to be filleted and that although some small bones may have to be picked out, the effort is certainly worthwhile. Now, as for those anglers who can't stand bottom fishing, let me say that this bottom feeder is one of the spunkiest battlers around. A one pound scup is as scrappy as a snapper blue, has more stamina than a school weak, and puts a fluke twice its size to shame.

Porgies belong to the Sparid family, which also includes the sea bream, sheepshead and pinfish. Many of these species have conical teeth, but our scup (**Stenotomus chrysops**) has human-like incisors up front. The scup also has a body compressed sideways, large scales, and sharp spines on the dorsal fin, and an iridescent sheen ranging from bronze through pink and silver. The fish vary in size from half pound sand porgies to four pound humpbacks, although most of the surf caught specimens in the late summer weigh about 1 to 1½ pounds. Also taken on Long Island, primarily in the west end of the New York Bight, are pinfish, which are generally too small for eating, though useful as baitfish for stripers and other predators. Known as spot in the West End, because of a prominent spot near the pectoral fin, pinfish are caught with tiny hooks (#10 Beaks) and small pieces of squid. In southern waters, pinfish are highly regarded, more so than in Long Island, as bait for various species, including tarpon. I remember boarding a head boat one day in the keys, where I joined a group of anglers intent on adding to the bait supply. They were catching pinfish at the dock and keeping them alive in a bait well. Later on, we caught 15 pound mutton snappers and 30 pound groupers with livelined pinfish.

Returning to surfcasting on Long Island's north shore, many beaches are accessible after Labor Day. In addition there are three state parks—Sunken Meadow, Wildwood, and Orient Beach—where there is adequate room to fish for scrappy scup. Some north shore places have breakwaters, or inlets with jetties, such as at Garvey Point, Northport, Shoreham and Mattituck. At these places the fishing can be performed with light tackle, since deep water is close by and the bottom is relatively uncluttered. Other places, however, even those with points and nearby sand bars, require heavier tackle to overcome frayed lines caused by broken shells, jagged stones, sharp mussels and bumper crops of marine vegetation. Any open beach on the Sound, for example, Crab Meadow, Rocky Point, Truman Beach and Petty's Bight, harbors this rich, though rig-snaring, bottom structure.

Thus at some jetties, I've successfully used a six foot freshwater rod coupled with a Daiwa 1300 spooled with eight pound test, and delighted in catching porgies up to 1½ pounds without losing so much as a single rig. Fishing from a north shore beach with this kind of tackle is futile, however. Here a nine foot surf rod matched with a Garcia 306, a Daiwa 1400, or any comparable spinning reel filled with 20 pound test, is necessary.

There are a number of rigs one can use to catch north shore porgies. For example, when fishing from the end of a jetty, where the bottom is smooth and unobstructed, a tandem rig is highly effective. The rig consists of two #6 to #1 beak hooks with sliced shanks, a one to three ounce bank sinker and a snap swivel. The hooks are snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test, which are tied in tandem, the looped end of one leader to the middle of the other. The snap swivel, tied to the fishing line with an improved clinch knot, secures the hooks as well as the sinker. When fishing from the beach, however, where long casts are required, and where the bottom often is cluttered, a hi-lo rig is more effective than a tandem rig. In weedy water, at least one hook will remain clear, and moreover, the hi-lo rig, appropriately tied, will reduce snags. The same hooks are employed, but this time they are tied above each other to dropper loops on the fishing line, generally the bottom hook about two inches above an end loop for the sinker and the top hook about 13 inches above the first. In really rough terrain, a 30 pound test leader and a barrel swivel should be used for the rig, and the hooks tied in a few inches higher than described. The swivel is connected both to the fishing line and the leader with improved clinch knots; then the hooks and sinker are connected to the leader. If you plan to fish from the beach, bring along some three, four and five ounce sinkers.

On the north shore, no matter whether the fishing is performed from a jetty or a beach, by far the best bait to use is a sandworm. Cut one into one inch pieces and thread one of each on the hooks and slightly over the eyes; the sliced barbs on the shanks will prevent the worm from sliding down to the bend of the hook. A morsel of worm dangling below the point adds a slight movement which porgies find irresistible. Other baits to consider are thin slices of skimmer clam and other worms, including earthworms. The clam strip should be impaled and twisted on the hook several times, so that it remains secure. Mussels, though also effective, are difficult to handle and generally disintegrate on the first cast or when retrieving the rig over rough bottom. Squid seems to attract humpback porgies at some deepwater wrecks, but I find it a poor bait for inshore scup. If you bring along two kinds of bait, such as clams and worms, try a combination of both on a single hook or one of each on a two-hook rig. This way you'll soon find out what's feature billing on today's porgy menu.

Fishing from a jetty or a breakwater is best performed from the end facing the Sound. A deep channel and an accompanying rise are usually within casting range, and this is where porgies like to feed on small inverte-

brates and other prey. If this fails to produce, try casting in an arc to various distances until you locate the fish. Having found one porgy, continue working that spot, for porgies are a schooling fish, and others, including double-headers, are sure to follow. The baited rig should at first be firmly planted on the bottom, and then slowly raised or dragged in a few feet at a time, always maintaining a tight line. For porgies, like bergalls, have small pointy mouths and are notorious thieves. The lighter the sinker and line and rod tip, the easier it is to detect even the faintest nibble and instantly set the hook. Then the fun begins, as the porgy—or porgies, as the case may be—takes the fishing line through an obstacle course, zigzagging one way, then another, all the way to the bucket.

Fishing from a beach can be just as productive, but may require some scouting at first, until the porgies are located. Each spot should be given a thorough workout for 20 minutes before moving on. Likely spots are near mussel beds, submerged boulders, and sand bars. Indeed, in September and October you will have no trouble locating porgies even on sand bottom. But one way to increase coverage of an area is to lighten the sinker so that it is dragged along the bottom by the current. Skiff fishermen often catch porgies by drifting for them, and this method simulates a drift. I have often located a productive spot from the beach this way, in water that otherwise would have revealed no unusual features. Having located the pocket, you can now cast to it again with a heavier sinker and catch more porgies.

Although September and October bring numerous porgies close to shore, this is partly due to northerly winds that prevail at this time. A northwester is fine, for it stirs the surface water without stirring up the vegetation, but a northeaster is usually a wipe-out on the bottom. On the other hand, winds from the south are blocked by the rising bluffs on most north shore beaches, and the water is as flat as a bay. Mildly rippled water is generally the best, although porgies are also taken in still water.

Plan your trip according to the winds, but also pay attention to the tides, for porgies are most active around tidal changes. Low light, coupled with a change of either tide, is still the best period although with cooler temperatures now, a tidal change in the day can be just as lucrative. Check the tide chart in this publication for that sector of the Sound you intend to fish.

Fish for a few hours and no doubt your bucket will soon be filled with porgies. Broiled, steamed, baked or fried, the porgy, you will soon agree, is exquisite table fare. And when you start catching them, you will also agree that the scrappy scup is the number one battler on the bottom of the Sound.

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GIANTS IN THE MUD HOLE

by Al Ristori

One of the toughest game fish in the world challenges anglers within sight of New York's skyscrapers.

Local anglers often seem to take it for granted, but it's rather amazing when you consider that the world's greatest game fish (and one of the largest) is available to us virtually within sight of New York's skyscrapers. There are few other cities in the world which can claim such exotic fishing in nearby waters, and it's surprising that relatively few take advantage of it.

That's not to say that there aren't weekend crowds in the Mud Hole when a giant tuna is in high gear. However, the fleets aren't any bigger than you'd see in Massachusetts Bay or off Block Island—areas with far fewer boats and much lower population densities.

There's certainly nothing new about New York Bight tuna fishing. This was the cradle of East Coast tuna fishing. Some 70 years ago Zane Grey and other famous anglers of the period were struggling to catch the first giant off Sea Bright, but their relatively primitive gear wasn't up to handling even the 250 pound class fish they were hooking only a few miles offshore. At the time these fish were called "horse mackerel" and they were a real nuisance to the bluefish netters of that era. Today we consider bluefin of that size to be mere "mediums" and virtual push-overs on sophisticated giant tuna tackle. Nevertheless you can imagine the frustration that Grey and his cohorts suffered in trying to stop those tuna with dragless reels and no harnesses!

Though giant tuna fishing dropped off severely after the West Coast purse seiners did a number on the vast schools of young tuna that used to visit our waters every summer, there has been a local resurgence of mediums and giants since National Marine Fisheries Service regulations were instituted in the mid-1970s. Actually, 1979 was the first big year since the 60s—and the run that year didn't develop until October. However, each of the years since there have been giants hooked right after Labor Day. This year a giant was recorded by an unpermitted shark fisherman in late August, and everyone is looking forward to a big run.

To be sure, last year was a bust in the Mud Hole due to a foul-up in setting quotas by the National Marine Fisheries Servic (NMFS). They were faced with a difficult situation due to a sharply reduced overall quota, but were also warned that failure to provide some sort of specific quota for the western area could result in a complete shutout for area anglers since this fishery starts later than all others. Unfortunately, that's exactly what happened. Early last September, Captain Bob Pisano hooked up with a 1,000 pounder that was lost next to the boat when the hook pulled out. The next day the giant tuna season was closed.

This year the overall quota has been doubled and spotty fishing to the north has offset the sharply increased catch east of Block Island. Starting out with a one giant per boat per day

The author bears down on a giant.

limit, NMFS pushed that to two per day in early August because the overall catch rate wasn't sufficient to fill the quota by the end of the year. Despite a great deal of arguing at public hearings this spring, we failed to get a separate western quota. However, NMFS did establish a 100 ton reserve which can't be used before September 15. Thus, even if the basic handgear quota were to be fished out by early September, there would only be a brief closing of the season before it would reopen at our prime time: mid-September. In addition, the NMFS Northeast Director has an administrative reserve which could be used to keep the season open or added to our late fishery.

With at least some shots at the fish (if they show up!) a certainty, let's take a look at some of the ways in which you can participate. The simplest means is to charter a boat sailing out of Jones, Debs, or Rockaway Inlets, Staten Island, or one of the north Jersey ports. In that case you need only check with the skipper and present your crew at the appointed time. All tackle and bait will be supplied and the captain will know where to give it his best shot. You know he'll fish as hard as possible since the giant is worth a great deal of money when shipped to Japan.

That brings up a sticky point: who gets the fish? Whereas tradition dictates that all fish belong to the party in this area (in Massachusetts many boats keep most of the fish, but charge much lower charter rates), ever since giant tuna have become valuable most skippers have claimed them for the boat. I understand that some are now giving a quarter or a third to the party (the revenue, that is, not the fish), but the general rule is for the boat to own any giant. There is no legal standard here, but to avoid arguments, there should be a clear understanding of what is to be done with the fish—when the charter is arranged!

It's even possible to fish for mediums and giants from party boats. If the fishing is good enough, some Sheepshead Bay and north Jersey boats may start scheduling trips. This is most practical when the mediums are abundant, as they can be handled from an anchored boat on heavy tackle. Surprisingly, many real giants have also been taken in this fashion—including one of over 800 pounds! Of course, IGFA rules aren't strictly adhered to, but it's still a tremendous accomplishment by any standard.

The vast majority of boats fishing the Mud Hole are privately-owned. Like the party and charter boats, they must have a permit, which can be obtained free of charge from NMFS, Federal Building, 14 Elm St., Gloucester, MA 01930. I always urge everyone who fishes offshore to apply for a permit since you never know when you're going to luck into a giant that you may be able to stop. It usually happens to some sharkers each year and rumor has it that the first Mud Hole giant this year was caught in such fashion by an unpermitted angler who not only couldn't sell the fish but could also be prosecuted if caught with it. Unfortunately, it takes a couple of weeks to apply for the permit, return the form and get your certificate. Therefore, waiting until the fishing starts means you'll be chewing your heart out while others are catching.

As far as the fishing itself is concerned, you'll need heavy tackle, lots of anchor line (800 feet isn't too much for the Mud Hole on a rough day) and a float to hold the line up when you cast off. The tackle should be 130 pound test gear, as the giants encountered in recent years have been the biggest in the tuna fishing history of New York Bight. Formerly noted for mediums and small giants, the Mud Hole quite suddenly produced a 1022 pounder for the author while fishing with Bob Pisano on the "Runaway" in 1980. The next year Bob did a bit better with a 1030 pounder for Roy Parsons. Several 900 pounders have been boated and many big fish lost.

In the "old days" 80 pound tackle was standard in New York Bight, and that gear is still fine for fish up to 500 pounds or so. However, you're at a tremendous disadvantage with the larger giants when using anything less than 130 pound on at least a 12/0 reel. Needless to say, a high quality lever drag reel (such as a Fin-Nor, Penn International or Everol) is a big plus—but you can do the job with a Penn Senator. Indeed, I caught my "grander" on a 14/0 Senator. When using star drag reels it's important to remember that the drags will get red hot during long runs. In order to avoid seizure, pour water over the star drag regularly.

Your reel must be matched to a 130 pound or unlimited rod with high quality rollers. You'll need the backbone in order to pump up a fish that insists on staying deep. Dacron is the preferred line as it has only about 10 percent stretch and allows the angler to actually move the fish instead of just taking 30 percent or more stretch out of monofilament. On the other hand, mono does have some advantage in terms of low visibility. In this area, heavy mono leaders are almost universally favored over wire or cable, though Atlantic Beach tuna pro Oscar Amoruso seems to do as well as anyone with the same leader he uses in Gloucester—#18 wire! Hook styles are another controversial area, but whatever style is used it must be a triple-strength Mustad.

There's a great deal you'll need in order to get rigged properly for giant tuna, and it makes sense to rely on friends who are experts or to deal with shops that specialize in big game fishing. Once the fishing starts even the uninitiated can find the fish because fleets will form around those who are catching. If you're ready when the fish are, the giant of a lifetime could be yours!

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AUTUMN IN BLUE

by Bill Ricca

By whatever name you choose to call them, these giant blues are sure to live up to their reputation.

Early fall marks the beginning of some of the wildest fishing for giant East End bluefish. From Montauk, charter, party and private boats fish both day and night for some of the largest bluefish taken anywhere.

Just about any method of fishing can be employed at this time of year to fill your fish box. Anglers score during the day with diamond jigs, plugs, tin, trolled tubes, spoons and umbrella rigs. Bait will take the larger fish both day and night.

Prime areas to be fished are Block Island and Cartwright for the really outsized fish. The triangle area between the Point and Block Island as well as the Points and its surrounding rips produce numerous small to medium sized fish.

Block Island is fished day and night. More specifically, the hot areas at Block are the East Grounds and Sharks Ledge. These areas are noted for very large fish. Jigs and trolled umbrellas are used during the days and bait (bunker and herring) fished on special chain rigs are employed after dark. Southeast Light which is the southeastern-most point of Block Island is noted for its ability to nearly always produce small to medium bluefish for jiggers and trollers.

Areas between Montauk and Block Island, namely Midway, the Sub Buoy and Southwest Ledge consistently produce blues at this time of year for trollers. Jiggers will also score in these areas with blues and occasionally hit upon some weaks, cod, bonito and sometimes a bass or two.

Around the Point itself it is mostly daytime trolling with wire using umbrella rigs or single tubes. At times, blues will pack tight and it is possible to do well with jigs right under the light. During these times it is possible to score with casting gear especially in the early morning or late afternoon and early evening. Spinning or conventional casting gear will do the trick. Just about any spoon, tin, or popping plug will work at these times. An added bonus in this area are bonito which still abound here as well as weaks and bass.

Cartwright, an area about six miles due south of the Point, is the place where consistently the largest bluefish taken in any quantity anywhere on the East Coast can be found. When someone thinks of giant Montauk blues, one is thinking of Cartwright. These monster blues are taken both day and night. Prime time is from early September on through October and into November. In fact, some of the best catches in recent years have been made during late October and early November. One of my charters late last fall produced over 750 pounds of blues ranging from 12 to 20.3 pounds for two anglers in three and one-half hours of fishing. All these fish were taken on eight ounce Tri-Fin Teardrop jigs with either green or red tails.

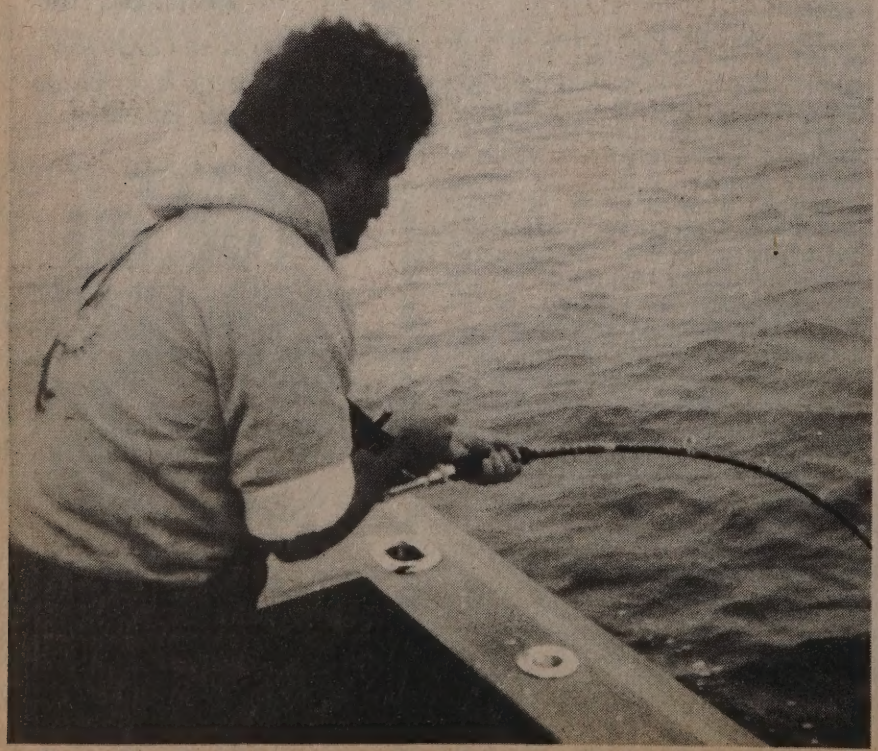
For jigging and baitfishing at this time of year at Montauk, I use 25 to 30 pound test mono spooled or conventional reels. I like the Daiwa 50H, Penn 112H or Penn 140M along with a stout seven to eight foot rod to match these reels. Tri-Fin jigs weighing from four to eight ounces work very well, especially in deep water. This is caused by the fact that they sink faster and have a little more action due to their shape. At times, I've also done well with Bridgeport Slab Jigs.

Baitfishing is done with either whole herring or whole bunker as bait. A special Montauk rig consisting of a one-foot length of sash chain with one or two 8/0 bluefish hooks and an 8 to 12 ounce drail or sinker. To use this, simply lower the baited rig to the bottom. Once it reaches the bottom, come up seven turns. Be ready for a strike, but don't set the hook until the second bump. Then come back hard on the fish and hold on.

For jigging for the small to medium sized fish, I'll use a three foot length of 50 pound mono leader connected to the main line by a black barrel swivel. However, for the larger fish or when using bait, I'll use a length of at least 80 pound mono as my leader.

Trolling is done with umbrella rigs and either white, white and red, or white and green tubes. Wire line and 4/0 reels are used. At least 300 feet of 40 pound wire should be used. It is best to have at least 400 feet on each reel in case of breakoffs or when probing deep areas.

This late season fishing is usually hot and only slowed by periods of bad weather. Once these fish take up residence in these areas, the only thing that can put a damper on the fishing is the weather.



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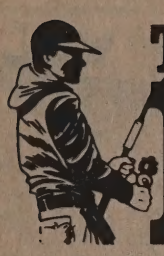

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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WHERE SPRINTERS REIGN

by J.N. Raguso

These lightweight members of the tuna family provide a bundle of fun for light tackle enthusiasts within easy range of south shore inlets.

The term sprinter is generally associated with track and field, but when this term is applied to saltwater fishing, it can mean only one thing. That is, tusseling with those pelagic members of the tuna clan that frequent our south shore waters every season from now and often into mid-October. Pound for pound, bonito, false albacore, schoolie bluefin and skipjack tuna are among the strongest fighters in the sea, and will give you all the action you can handle, oftentimes within view of our Long Island shoreline.

The official season starts jumping sometime in August and the first word of these speedsters usually comes from the bluefish head boats, where many a patron is jolted as these little dynamos suddenly invade a chum slick and create a general havoc on board.

The secret to these fishes' strength and endurance comes from their sleek football-like shapes. These fish are built for speed and power both externally and internally. On the outside, their tiny scales provide minimum water resistance, while the dorsal, pectoral and anal fins tuck neatly away into little recesses to produce a slick, friction free profile. Their fusiform physiques literally knife through the water like torpedos, propelled by thick, powerful tails. On the inside, they have an efficient capillary system that would be the envy of any hematologist. If you've ever cut open a tuna, you know exactly what I mean, as most of these specimens have a deep red meat due to the vast amount of blood that is constantly supplied to their muscles. It's the oxygen supply that is furnished via their bloodstream that gives these fish so much zip and enables them to get a second and even third wind. The constant movement of having to swim 24 hours a day to find enough forage to satiate their voracious appetites doesn't hurt the muscle tone, either.

In general, you can find green bonito and false albacore anywhere from about three to four miles offshore and on out. Some of my fellow Babylon Tuna Club members have caught some real "monster albies" of 17 pounds and more while trolling in 160 to 170 feet of water for bigger game. In contrast, I hear an occasional report of unsuspecting anglers taking bonito right off the

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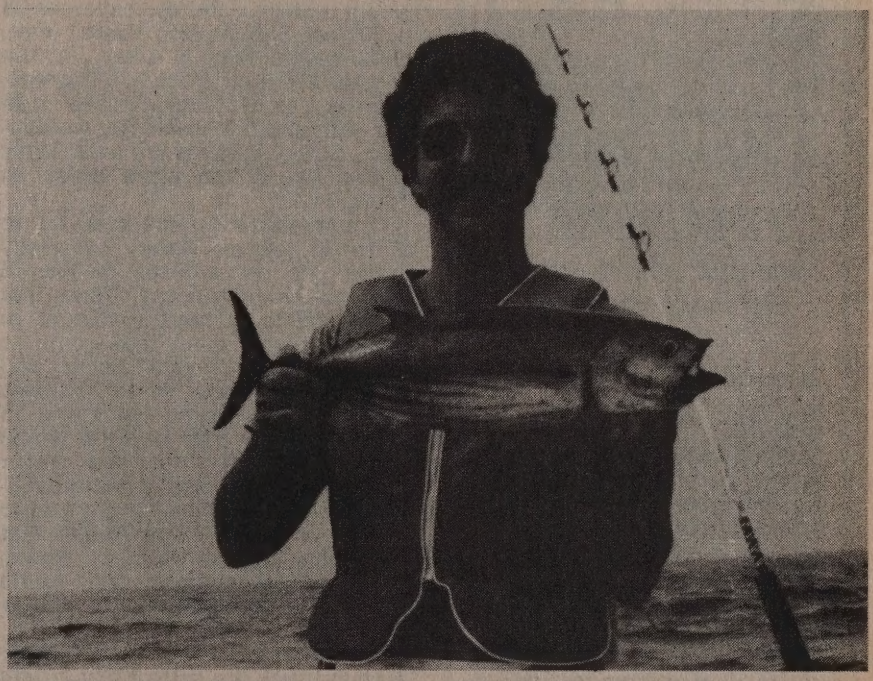
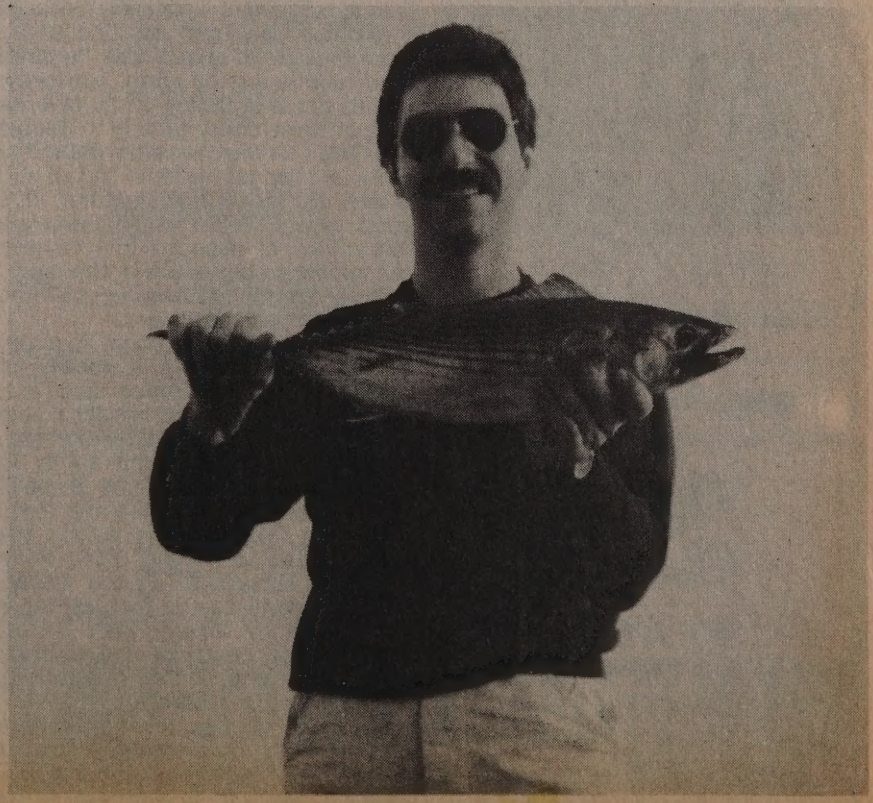


Author shows skipjack tuna, top, and bonito, bottom. Note stripes on lower body of skipjack and on upper portion of bonito, making it easy to identify the two.



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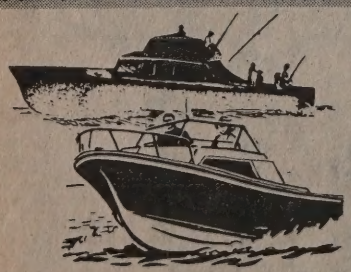

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Jones and Fire Island Inlets. I have personally caught both species on umbrella rigs right outside of the Debs Inlet breakwater, so who's to say exactly where they'll be? Once they arrive in numbers, these fish group in small schools and due to their pelagic nature, roam a given area cruising for a tasty meal. One day they'll turn up 30 miles offshore and the next they'll be 500 yards off the beach.

Skipjack tuna are pretty much a deeper water phenomenon, but I've caught them in water as shallow as 65 to 70 feet SSE of Fire Island Inlet. Water temperature is a key and the skippies like it up around 70 degrees, whereas "albies" and "bones" can deal with a mid to lower 60s environment. School bluefins are most likely to pop up in the same areas as "skippies."

To summarize location, start out in 80 to 90 feet of water, especially around the convergence of the 15 fathom curve and/or any wrecks that might shelter a healthy supply of baitfish. Some spots that come to mind are the Cholera Banks and Three Sisters wreck south of Jones Inlet, and the Yankee wreck and 15 fathom fingers SSE of Fire Island Inlet. Depending on sea water temperature, bait supply and prevailing winds, you might have to go out to 120 feet or as shallow as 70 feet. But using the info network of fishing buddies, bait stations and tackle shops, you should be able to narrow down the possibilities.

For trolling these fish, a light 16 or 20 pound stick is a perfect match with a 3/0 sized reel like the Penn 112H, Newell 332F and Daiwa 30H. Experience has taught me that a fast 4 to 1 or 5 to 1 retrieve is important because these fish can burn off line at an alarming rate of speed. One hundred yard runoffs are the norm, especially on this grade of tackle, and a favorite trick of these crafty tuna is to double back towards the boat after the initial strike. If they get the jump on you and create a slack line situation, it's goodbye fish. You'll really appreciate this advice, as even a 4 to 1 retrieve can appear to be "stuck in the mud" when attempting to keep up with the antics of these speedsters.

When you want to chum 'em up, you can get by with a variety of medium weight spinning and bait casting gear. The most crucial points are a smooth working, large disc drag to dissipate heat and the ability to hold at least 200 yards of line. Some of my favorite spin reels are the Penn 450SS and 712Z. For bait casting, the Ambassadeur 5500 and 6500, Penn 930 and Newell 220F are super. Match these to a seven foot **fast** taper rod and enjoy flipping bait "West Coast" style, so-called due to their claim of inventing this method for catching longfin albacore.

An efficient way to locate these critters is to troll a variety of cedar jigs and jap feathers behind the boat until you hook-up. One of my favorite secret weapons is to troll a fifth rod down the middle of my four-bait pattern using a six-arm mini umbrella rig. Although the five to seven knot speeds that make the aforementioned skipbaits work best is a bit fast for the U-rig, using 300 feet of wire line and an eight ounce drail help keep it down around the 25 foot level. I'm constantly amazed at what pops up on this rig, with bonito, albies, skipjack and bluefish all falling victim to it. We then troll a grid pattern until we hit again. If we get that second strike, we set-up uptide/upwind and start a bunker and spearing chum slick. If there's a fast drift, it's best to anchor up and hold your position, letting the fish come to you. If it's on the calm side with minimum wind and swells, forget the anchor and drift with the tide. If nothing happens after 30 to 45 minutes, it's time to pull up and start the trolling pattern again.

If trolling produces zilch for a couple of hours, take your best calculated guesstimate and set up at a likely spot and get a chum line going. Standard operating procedure calls for a bunker or mackerel chum interspersed with a handful of spearing. Some south shore tackle shops sell five gallon cans of spearing and this is what really rings the dinner bell for these tuna. Baby butterfish are an excellent bait, but are too expensive to use for chum. Save those silver dollar size butterfish for bait and use the spearing to bring the fish to the boat.

The routine is while the bunker chum spreads out behind the boat, you toss a handful of spearing up in the air and out into the slick. This does two things. First, as the bunker beacon attracts the tuna towards your position, the spearing gives them something to sink their teeth into and keeps them in the area looking for the rest of the "baitfish school." Secondly, the spearing fluttering down into the water create a lifelike splashing effect that is not unlike that performed by the genuine article when pursued by predators.

To rig up, use a small coffee colored tuna hook and tie it directly to 12 to 20 pound mono line. Attach a small whole butterfish, medium sized smelt or spearing and flip it out into the slick with the chum. Using light line is important since these fish have abnormally keen eyesight. You'll lose an occasional fish in a prolonged battle, but you'll get a lot more strikes. The teeth on these small tuna are spaced far enough apart so they shouldn't wear out your line too quickly, but it's a good idea to cut back and retie your hook after every two or three fish.

When rigging the bait, it's important to hide the hook as best you can, yet leave the point and barb free for quick penetration. Hooks to use are the coffee colored 94150 or 9174 (forged) in 1/0 to 3/0 sizes. These hooks are stronger than what meets the eye, and I've had them handle schoolie bluefin tuna up to 30 pounds

on 15 pound test line. Either hook the bait through the eye sockets or insert the hook through the mouth, out the gill slit and into the back about halfway to the tail. Remember, make sure the barb comes completely through when using this second method. Hopefully, if you've done everything right, before too long you'll begin to see blue and green flashes darting in and out of your slick gobbling up the chum and bait.

Toss out your bait into the slick and when it begins to drift out of sight anticipate a strike. Always keep the bait moving in free spool at the same speed and depth as the chum and when you feel it's out 125 to 150 feet, reel in slowly and start the process again. Many fish have been caught while retrieving the bait back to the boat, so don't waste this opportunity by racing the bait and making it spin unnaturally. On occasion, you'll have to use a split shot or two about three feet ahead of the hook to keep the bait down when wave conditions warrant it.

Frequently, you'll have the tuna pull their finicky routine as they lay back in the slick and feast on all the spearing except the one that you have attached to your hook. If this happens, it's your cue that either the hook is too big, your line too visible or the water too clear on that particular day. A solution is to use a smaller hook, lighter line, or try tossing your bait simultaneously with a handful of spearing that you dole out into the slick. This technique has duped many a wary bone or albie as they quickly strike at the bait before a competitor can snatch it up.

Speaking of striking, there's no doubt when one of these brutes picks up your bait. Your reel spool goes from 0 to 60 in about 1.3 seconds. Keep your thumb on the flange to prevent a "bird's-nest" at this crucial stage, count to three and engage the reel's gearshift. The tuna will do the rest when it feels the sting of the hook. Hang on for dear life and enjoy, as your quarry takes you for a ride you'll never forget. You'll know when your fish is tiring, because the runs will get shorter and he'll start to do figure 8 turns around the boat.

Keep a supply of short six to eight inch wire leader hooks of the same variety on board. You'll need them when the bluefish invariably raid your chum slick. You'll know they're out there when you get a runoff, set the hook and have the line go slack. Reel it in and you're sure to see that the hook has been cut clean, compliments of Mr. Chopper. The wired hook will put an end to this thievery, and you'll still catch some tuna due to the increased competition for food, and the fact that the tuna have less time to inspect a bait before they bite, lest a hungry blue gets to it first.

Although a mild fall could result in good fishing well into October, September is the perfect time to challenge these barn burners, so why not give them a shot this season!

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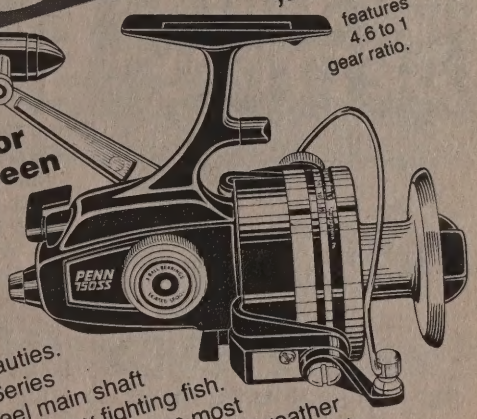

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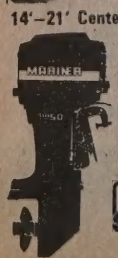

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East End REPORT
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Strong showings of tuna of all sizes, continued loads of bluefish, very good porgying and some catches of outsized sea bass seemed to pretty well make up the East End picture this week. Fluke seems to be the only species that is on the wane.

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Call from the charter boat **Adios** told of the 423 pound giant tuna caught Tuesday in a scant 30 minutes for the Mark Fellman group of Nill Bros. East. Saturday's trip for Paul Lang and friends saw a giant hooked and fought for 2½ hours with all hands taking a turn in the chair before the fish was landed. The 516 lb. giant towed the boat roughly eight miles and had the reel stripped nearly down all the way 10 times. These giants were taken north of the Block Island grounds. Football tuna still good with Friday's charter filling the box with footballs and bluefish at Cartwright.

Fishing aboard the charter boat **Montauk** on weekdays saw limits being hit on school tuna everyday with roughly 20 fish being released everyday also. These catches were made mostly on diamond jigs without tails. Fish have been to 64 lbs. with a lot in the 30s and 40s and action has been at the east bank of the Butterfish Hole. Saturday and Sunday charters worked Cartwright and had big loads of bluefish plus an estimated 100 lb. brown shark Saturday and a 200 lber. Sunday. The bluefish are being caught on bait.

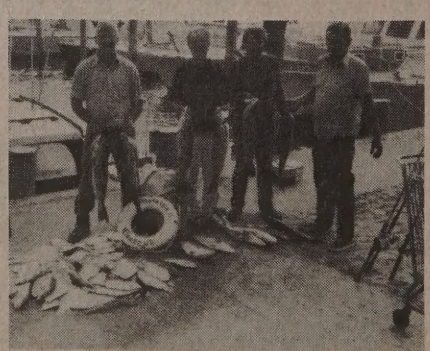
From the **Viking Fleet**, word passed along by Cathy Roxbury is that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge remains fair to good with high hooks 15 to 20 cod each trip, pools averaging 30 pounds. The half day fluking has ended for the year. Due to popular demand, the Nomans Land porgy trips have been extended to 7 days a week, sailing at 3AM with two boats Saturdays and Sundays. Catches have been fantastic on the porgies at Nomans Land, averaging 100 plus per angler. Fish are running 1½ to 3½ lbs. The night bluefish trip at Block Island couldn't be better with big slammers 12-15 pounds and diamonds working best. The September 25th Georges Bank trip still has several openings available. This is the very next trip coming up to this very productive bank. If you wish to reserve, call now.

Father Dan Harris, Bob Carter and Joe Intermaggio with Dan's 168 lb. mako taken in 150' of water south of Shinnecock. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

We hear from the porgy boats **Little Bear and Flying Cloud** that the local porgy action has had some good days and some slower days. There were some red hot days during the week. The weekend saw loads of sea robins and strong tides but there were also lots of sea bass mixed in with the catch as well. Action has been in the Lighthouse area with fish running medium to large.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** called to say jumbo sea bass and jumbo porgies are adding to the catch daily. Anglers having the skill are able to fill at least two five-gallon buckets or more with these slammer porgies. Fishing has been at anchor in the Midway Rips where small hotspots produced best.

From the charter boat **Windy** we learn of Tuesday's trip for Neil Vandenhagen with 21 fluke off Kings on fluke belly with fish averaging 3½ to 4 lbs. Wednesday's trip for Mike Marrin Sr. and Jr. saw Jr with a 541 lb. giant tuna hooked south of Argile. On Friday, a charter for Al, Cathy and Bob of Penn State University boated a 200 lb. tuna. Ken Oakley had 75 blues in one hour's fishing Saturdy and on Sunday a trip for Rich Ambroze south of Block saw 800 lbs. of blues in the



Al Eichler, Jack Evans, Gene Chieppa and Charlie Fettinger with a mixed bag from Block Island that included weaks, fluke and blues. Fishing was done aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Nostalgia II."

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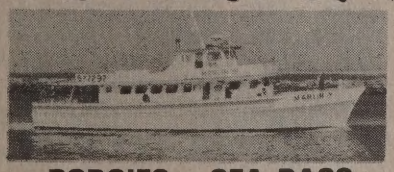

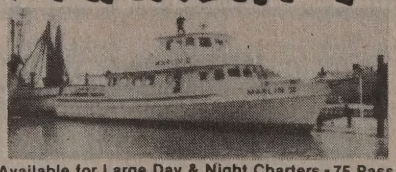

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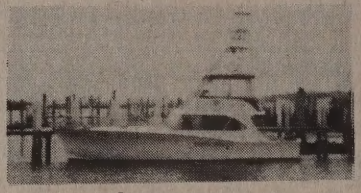

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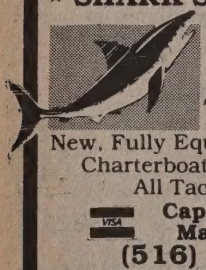

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Capt. Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** reported a catch of 44 blues to 15 pounds taken on jigs at Cartwright for a party headed by Artie Wherman. The Saturday trip was topped off with over 500 porgies, taken on clams at Great Eastern and the Lighthouse.

Capt. Wayne King of the charter boat **King Wayne** said that bluefishing during the week at Cartwright remained red hot with fish up to 20 pounds taken. A Sunday charter for Lou Gazda resulted in 15 bluefins including fish of 640, 119, 81 and 79 pounds. The remaining fish ranged between 35 and 75 pounds.

L.I.F. Subscriber Yvonne Buckley also cashed in on the Block Island tuna with a fish of 632 pounds taken aboard the private boat Jo-Lynn.

Another pair of L.I.F. Subscribers Barbara and Chester Wolffe of the Sea Wolffe stayed over at Block Canyon Saturday thru Sunday and put away 3 big eye tuna in the 250 pound class, and a box full of albacore to 58 pounds and yellowfin tuna.

Carl Darenberg, Jr. of the **Montauk Marine Basin** reminded that the giant tuna fishery was closed as of the weekend for reevaluation of catch statistics. There is a possibility that the fishery will be reopened in several days. Carl knew of 25-30 mediums and giants taken from among the three fleets working out of Montauk. One who has been situated east of Block Island, another SE and one at Coxes Ledge. School tuna are being trolled and diamond jigged 20-25 miles SSW of the point. There was plenty of canyon action over the weekend with a number of boats returning with 5-6 big eyes in addition to plenty of albacore and yellowfin tuna. Lots of big blues were at Cartwright being taken by trollers and jiggers but with bait fishermen having the edge. Carl recommended tinker mackerel over the usual herring baits but both work super. Fluke fishing has been pretty good along the south side of the point with a good number of big fish up to 12 pounds being taken. A few bass being live lined at night though no one is saying much about it.

Maureen Senefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** reminded that they will be hosting a Striped Bass Clinic and Tournament beginning Friday evening, September 23 and running through 9AM Sunday. Call Maureen at 668-3232 for details. Big fluke being taken on the south side of the point as demonstrated by the catch brought in by Frank Savage on Friday. He topped off a fish box full of flatties with 4 doormats between 11 and 12½ pounds. Some big sea bass were taken this past week including 2 5½ pounders for Artie Johnson and Chris Gajajiva. Bob Hutzel of Huntington stuck to fluke on Thursday's trip off of the radar dome. He was rewarded with 27 flatties to 5 pounds. Offshore fishing showed plenty of life

this week. Charlie Tota and Chris Nolte, who is the area sales rep for Penn Reels and Fenwick Rods, returned to the marina with a 207 pound bluefin tuna, 3 longfin albacore to 50 pounds and six school tuna between 35 and 120 pounds. Fishing was done south of Block Island.

From the **Marlin Fleet** comes word that the bluefishing continues to be good on both day and night trips with fish running 12-20 lbs., and catches of 12 to 30 fish a man. The porgy fishing is good with medium to large fish up to 3 lbs. and anglers loading up with anywhere from 50-100 fish a man. Please note that all day bluefish tickets have been sold for Saturday, Sept. 17th.

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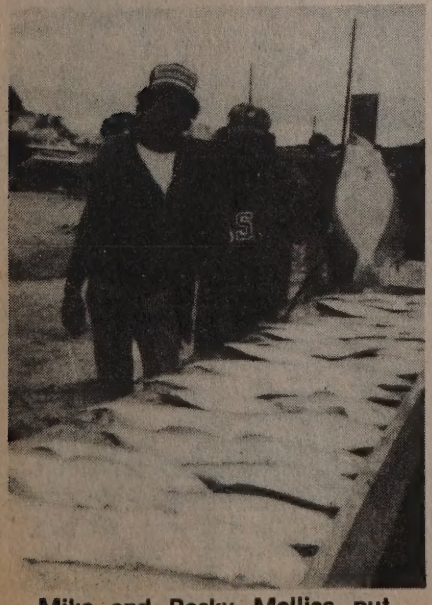
Aboard the **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric II** we learned that the porgy fishing was red hot this weekend with an estimated total of 5,000 fish caught for the two days. Sizes ranged from the biggest to the smallest. Worms worked best, fishing Plum Gut and the north side of Plum Island, both tides.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said that fluking in the inlet and West Channel has been holding up well. Flounder fishing in the basket area was good this past week and both blackfish and sea bass are being taken by those fishing tight to the inlet jetties. In Peconic Bay, porgy fishing remains in good shape while small weaks continue to be taken in fairly good numbers at Nassau Point and the Rose Grove. Snappers are everywhere.

Bill Shoreline of **Molnar's Landing** in **Hampton Bays** called the fluking very good in the East Channel and in the inlet itself. Live killies working



Mike and Rocky Mollica put away 39 fluke to 4½ lbs. at buoy 29 in Moriches Bay on killies. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine.

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best for the fluke. One to three pound blues along with some bonito were trolled on umbrella rigs just outside the inlet over the weekend with bigger blues being found further off the beach. Snappers continue to roam throughout the bay.

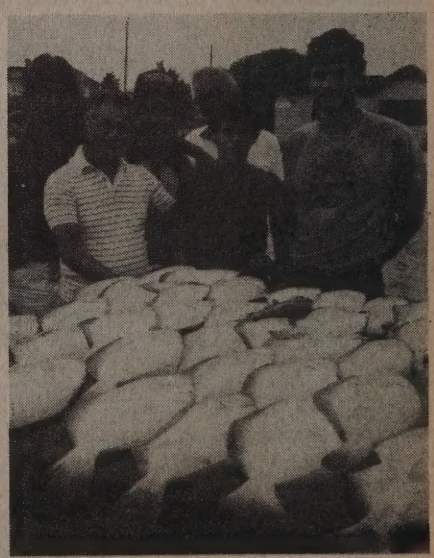
South Shore REPORT

with Fred Colofaro

Fluking held up particularly well in Moriches Bay this week and there was also some decent fishing to be had in Fire Island Inlet, particularly for those who worked the latter part of incoming water. Offshore anglers continue to enjoy some unusually good action with bluefin and yellowfin tuna relatively close to the beach while those who traveled to the canyons were also rewarded with good fishing. Night bluefishing remains excellent on the Patchogue Grounds and some bigger fish are beginning to show up in daytime catches.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

According to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, fluking remained pretty good this week with most boats returning with 10-15 keepers. Best



Judge John Lomenzo, Richard and Ernest Rose, Bernie DeGregoris and Ralph and Tom Potente caught these 34 fluke at buoy 41 in Moriches Bay. The group fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

scores are being made south of buoy 39 and 38 and also in the Elbow with spearing and squid having the edge in the bait department. On Friday, Charles and Ann Kukenis put away 22 fluke to 3 pounds. Flounder fishing showed signs of improvement at buoy 36 and Haven's Point. Use bloodworms and mussel chum for the flatties. Small porgies and sea bass are mixed with the flounder and snappers are all over the place.

From **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, Jim DeVita reported that the fluking remains very good at Haven's Point with both tides producing as long as you have moving water. On Thursday, Walter Sr. and Jr. and David Czekaj totaled 27 fluke. On Saturday, Matt and John Viol along with Bernie Appleman loaded their cooler with 53 fluke. Both scores came from Haven's Point. Spearing and squid work best but those working salty dogs with a strip of squid have been doing a very good job on the fish. Flounder fishing is alive and well as evidenced by the 62 flatties up to 2 pounds made at buoy 36 by Roscoe Palomino and Joe Gagliardi. The pair used bloodworms. Best flounder fishing has been on the top of the tide.

From his **L & M Marine Fishing Station**, Larry Dallaire spoke of good fluking at the elbow with the best scores being made on the flood. On Saturday, Gary Goudoras treated his new bride Mary and her family to som Moriches Bay fluke action. Using bucktails and squid, the group totaled 35 fluke with most in the 2-3 pound category. Larry also told of a few flounder being taken at buoy 39 and plenty of porgies at buoy 44.

Capt. Chip of the Moriches Bay open boat **Capt. Leo D** has been averaging 3-7 fluke per man working inside of the inlet near the elbow. He is been experimenting with the flounder and did well enough on Saturday to warrant mixing up his fluke and flounder fishing. He will be switching over to flounder full time over the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for his ad.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of some good fluke action between Ocean Beach and the Inlet the past few days. Some very good scores were made during the last part of incoming water. Lots of small weakfish remain off of Sayville in 10-12' of water where they are being taken on sandworms and squid strips. The best snapper fishing has been in the early morning and crabbing remains very good.

Over at **South Bay Fishing Station**, Vinny said that small weaks are still around in good numbers but there were no great scores this past week because of poor tide conditions. Best fishing is the top of the incoming and

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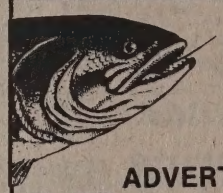
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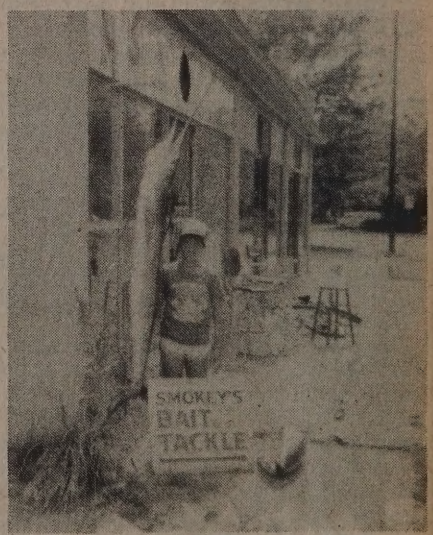
the first of the ebb and he looks for some good catches to be brought in this week. Some surprisingly good fluke action back in the bay at buoys 29 and 30 considering the date and a few small weaks are mixed with them also in addition to some small porgies and sea bass. Squid has been the best all around bait for the current action.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that some small weaks are mixed with small sea bass, porgies and blowfish between Sayville and Ocean Beach. Fluke fishing was pretty decent this weekend between the Lighthouse and the inlet with the best action confined to the last couple of hours of incoming water. Yellowfin and bluefin tuna still in 90-100' of water SE of the inlet as recently as Friday. Saturday was a blowout for most boats.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi who reported that Greg Owens on his first shark trip aboard Peppy's boat C-Scape landed 7 blue and brown sharks in the 100 pound range while tagging 5 of them. A 55 pound yellowfin tuna was also taken during the chumming session which took place in 130' of water SE of the inlet. Jim Cavanaugh ran in the same direction to 140' of water, also on Sunday. He found a 71 pound marlin in his chum slick. Fluke are still at the inlet and lots of small sea bass are around. T. Nowak weighed in a 3¾ pound trigger fish taken at the Sore Thumb on Wednesday.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** was among those gathered in the Patchogue Grounds tuna fleet on Sunday. The Bay Shore tackle man saw one fish which he estimated between 4 and 500 pounds taken by a neighboring boat and knew



Ten-year-old Richard Miller his first white marlin. The 42 lb. billfish was taken southeast of Fire Island Inlet in approximately 90 feet of water. The youngster had a good tutor in his dad, Carl, the owner of Smokey's Tackle Shop in Bay Shore.

of 3 or 4 other hook ups during the day. He also told of radio chatter indicating good canyon action on Sunday. Daytime bluefishing has been scattered among several areas including Cholera, Three Sisters Wreck and south of Ocean Beach. Fluke fishing was good on the last half of the flood over the weekend with Carl getting good reports from West Channel down to the inlet. Heckscher has porgies and small weaks on sandworms and squid strips and the first blackfish are being taken in the bay.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** spoke of good fluke fishing all week through Sunday with 100-200 keepers being taken each day for small crowds. The size of the fish remains very good. Neil has been working West Island, Sexton Island and the Lighthouse area with spearing and squid combos. The skipper reminded that his fall blackfishing trips will get underway beginning Wednesday, September 21st.

Ed Donnelly relayed word that his 9-year-old son Christopher landed an 8 pound, 6 ounce weakfish while drifting a tiger tail along the bottom of Fire Island Inlet. The catch was especially noteworthy because a bird's nest necessitated the youngster hand-lining the fish the rest of the way to the boat.

Capt. John Cuozzo of the **Captree** charter boat **Afterglo** has been riding herd on the Patchogue grounds' tuna population for the past two weeks. Monday's trip resulted in some wild action with fish of 50 and 100 pounds taken. The real excitment was reserved for the ones that got away. During the course of the day 6/0 9/0 reels were completely stipped by big bluefins. One fish that was seen was estimated between 400 and 500 pounds. On Friday, the action was confined to yellowfin tuna with three in the 40-60 pound class taken out of the chum slick. Five other fish were dropped during the day. On Sunday, only bluefish responded but John

Phil, Ron and Gary Bruckner alongside Ron's 114 lb. white marlin. The big billfish was caught SE of Fire Island Inlet in 160' of water. It was checked at Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon.

knew that at least one big tuna was taken by a nearby boat. All the action has been in the 90-95' depths SE from the Inlet.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that night bluefishing remains good to excellent on the Patchogue grounds with most of the fish falling into the 5-10 pound category. Pool fish each night ranges between 15 and 18 pounds. Fluke fishing remains fair for ½-day trips which are producing 2-5 flatties per man. Last of the flood and first of the Ebb is best between the lighthouse and the inlet. The skipper has been sampling the flounder fishing during lulls in the fluke action and has been taking some sea bass and blowfish along with the winter flatties. This action should improve as we get some cool weather.

The open boat **Jib VI** skippered by Capt. Carl Passero reported generally good fluking although Carl did say that Saturday was a tough one due to poor wind and tide conditions. He expects to continue on the fluke run on a half day basis through September 25th. Beginning September 26th, he will begin plying offshore wrecks and reefs for blackfish and sea bass. These will be full day trips beginning at 8AM. A hefty blackfish was taken on Friday's fluke trip by Gil Mindlin The 7.9 pound tautog grabbed a live killie near the Robert Moses Bridge.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that his full day fluke trips continue to produce good scores. Sixteen fares on Saturday accounted for over 125 keepers with most of the action being found between the lighthouse and the Inlet. The skipper expects a fast week or two of fishing shortly as the fish mass in the inlet prior to their fall migration. Night bluefish trips remain super, the only exception being Friday night when strong tides and rough seas made fishing difficult. Charlie reminded that he expects to wrap up the fluking in another two weeks or so and he will be turning his sights on local offshore wrecks for big sea bass and blackfish.

Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported super consistent bluefish action every night on the Patchogue Grounds. Daytime action runs hot and cold.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** said that night fishing remains excellent at Patchogue while during the day he has been working south of Ocean Beach and Cherry Grove. Bigger fish are beginning to show on the day trips and as recently as Monday morning the skipper reported a good catch aboard by mid-morning with some of the fish going to 14 pounds.

Capt. Rod of the open boat **Capt. Rod** spoke of two good days with the fluke on Saturday and Sunday. He concentrated his efforts around West Island and reminded that he will remain on the fluke run for the next two weeks.

Capt. Ed Walsh of the charter boat **E Z Ed** found a nice mess of fluke for a group of U.S. Customs Employees on Sunday. Headed by Tom Culhane the group put away 26 fluke on killie and squid combos at Democrat Point. The

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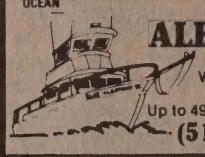
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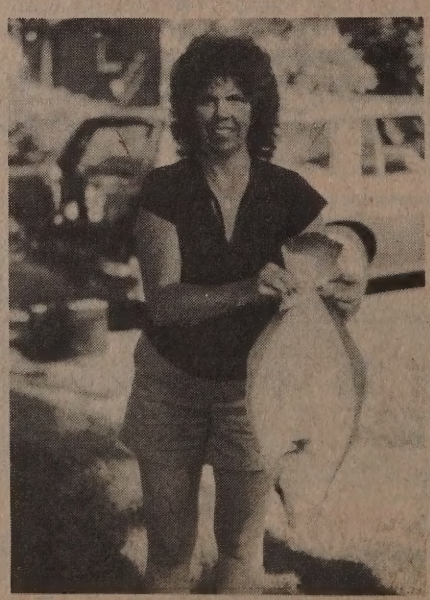

Patricia Hirt was introduced to the fishing game with this 5½ lb. fluke. It was taken aboard the family boat 'Patricia Ann' near the Fire Island Lighthouse. Subscriber photo.

top of the flood was the key. Ed spent part of Saturday anchored up in the Sore Thumb Pocket and recorded only a fair pick of flatties.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin reported the results of the Babylon Tuna Club Tuna Contest held on Sunday. Bob Jessen's Blue Water accounted for 1st and 2nd place with bigeyes of 168 and 110 pounds. Ronnie Bruckner nailed down the third spot with a 58 pound yellowfin. Back on Saturday, the B.C.A. charter boat **Cindi Ann** returned from the Texas Tower with 8 yellowfins to 80 pounds, 2 dolphin and 8 true albacore. All the fish were trolled. Louise Lettieri of Bay Shore fishing from the inlet side of Oak Beach checked in a 10.1 pound weakfish on Sunday. Blues were found south of Sailors Haven in 70-80' of water on Sunday. Fluke remain steady but no bonanza and snappers are now both large and plentiful. Blackfish begin to show inside the bay.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani looked over a catch of 7 fluke for John Obedzinski and his 9-year-old son Richie. The youngster had the largest, a 3.2 pounder. Mike reported some good fluke scores made between the Coast Guard Station and the Construction dock and also in the State Channel, particularly on Sunday. He knew of two 20 fish scores made in the channel by private boats. In the State Channel behind Oak Beach and at Kismet and West Island, those using bloodworms and plenty of clam chum are being rewarded with a nice mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and blowfish. Snapper fishing is excellent with the fish big and plentiful. Live killies have been working especially good on the bigger snappers.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** worked south of Cherry Grove on Saturday and loaded up with 7-10 pound blues on diamond jigs. In the same area on Sunday, he put Ross and Fred Archer into some hot action again with jigs. They loaded the box by late in the morning and then picked away during the afternoon.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copaigue** said that Keith Neuscheler finished up a successful blackfishing trip near the Moses Bridge by drifting a live blackfish near the WR Buoy. The extra effort payed off with an extra 12¼ pound weakfish. Flounder are in the Sore Thumb Pocket with a few catches in the 30 fish range made this past week on bloodworms and clam chum. Good catches of small porgies being made in the state channel near Amityville, and a good showing of small sea bass in the Copiague Hole. Squaw Island tuna club member Joe Vaugn fished his boat Won Son out of Montauk on Friday. He put Lori LePorte into a 500 pound giant and Jay Callahan into a fish of 485 pounds. Fishing was done SE of Block Island.

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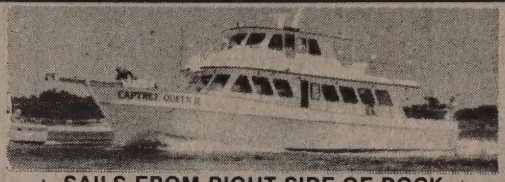

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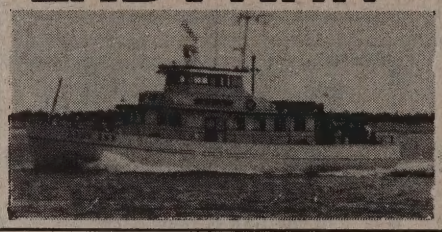

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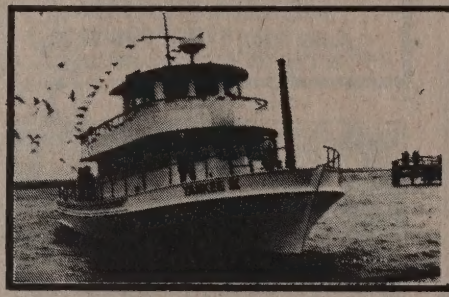

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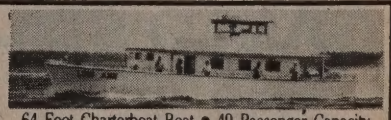

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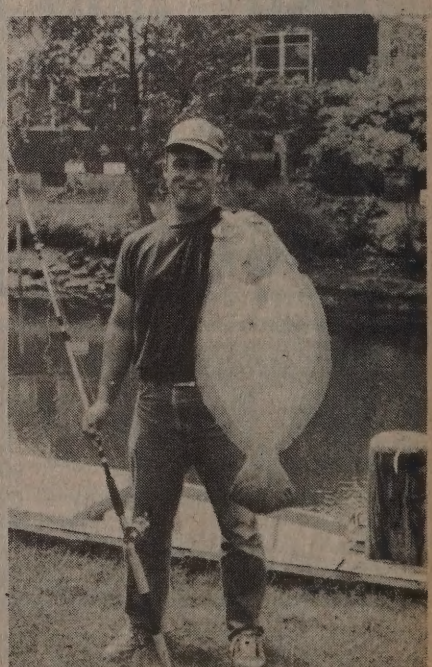
Bluefin and yellowfin tuna remain hot items as do bluefish from 30 feet on out into the deep. Bass and weaks are not making too many headlines. A few fluke continue to be caught. Inside the bays and inlets, small sea bass and porgies and the start of the fall flounder are now being had. The giant sea robins seem to be tapering off. Blackfish have returned at the bridges and jetties while snappers are in abundance on the inside as are blue claw crabs but only in various locations.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The word from **Pops Fishing Station in Seaford** is of decent fluking again. Rental boats are averaging 4 fish per boat, catching on both sides of the Wantagh bridges. In addition, half to 3/4 lb. flounder also being taken in scattered spots from Four Corners to the 2nd bridge. On Sunday Ken Derth and Robert Patschefe total 14 fluke plus snappers and sea bass. They found that incoming work best with squid and the ebb best with killies.



Michael Conklin used a live killy to take this huge doormat out of Sloop Channel, just east of the Meadowbrook Bridge. The big flattie was weighed at Wanser's Bait and Tackle in Seaford.

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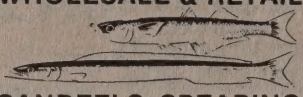

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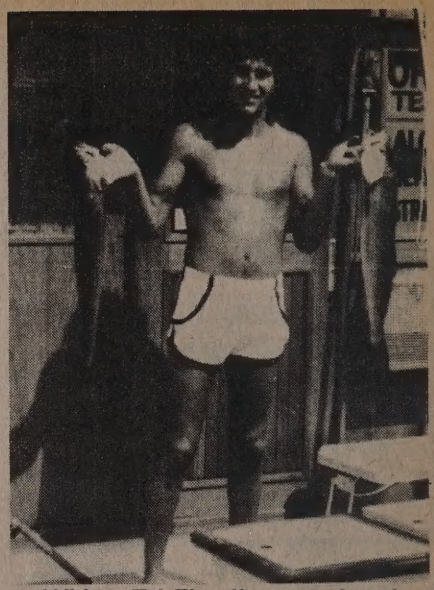

White Tri-Fin jigs produced these nice weaks for Nick during a recent trip aboard the Freeport charter boat, "Apus II."

They found no short fluke. Three New Jersey anglers, Sonny, Joe and Butch totaled 21 keeper fluke working fromk Egg Island to the steel piers. Catches were equally good during the week.

News of continued acceptable fluking comes from **Wansers Tackle** with fluke still being caught in Jones Inlet, Sloop Channel and Goose Creek on sand eels and spearing. Flounder being taken in the area of the 3rd Wantagh and Squaw Island on worm and clam. Loads of snappers all around. At the bridges, a few weaks being caught on live snappers and stripers on clam bellies. Try Massapequa flats for a load of bccs.

Aboard the charter boat **3 Sea-sons** Captains Frank and Sig Signorelli report that fishing has never been better with loads of tuna, marlin, dolphin sharks and blues waiting to be caught. Some of their latest catches were: Steve Fraley and party, Wantagh with 5 yellowfin tuna, 60-92 lbs. Bob Jensen and group of Saranac Lake, NY had 9 yellowfin tuna up to 81 lbs. Jack Messina of Massapequa had 4 dolhpin from 12 to 39½ lbs. A trip for Chris Broderson and party, Babylon totaled 2 dolphin weighing 12 and 19 lbs. and 14 skipjack tuna. Bob Ramsey and party of Pompton Plains, NJ took a 93 lb white marlin and 3 bluefina tuna plus 16 oceanic bonito.

From **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** we get word of super snappers just about everywhere and that bccs have been dynamite in Merrick Bay. Small blues up to 4 lbs. hitting tins around the Meadowbrook Bridge area.

Swinging over to the boats out of **Freeport** we note that the **Capt Lou Fleet** has started their flounder season off with a super start. Bob Sanks on Tuesday had 37 flounder. Wednesday's high hook was in the 40s. Friday's high hook was in the 40s also. On Saturday's trip Manny and Leo Paradiso of Cedarhurst totalled 103 good flounder. Frank Pavalicek, Jr. Sunnyside hoisted 53 flatties including the pool fish. Hy Fresman of Freeport had 37. On Friday Lou Scharlop bagged 62 flatties while Bob Sanks again had 50 on Friday and Charlie A regular scored with 58. Dan Borisuck and son on Sunday totaled 83 flatties they took back to their home in Flushing. Fish have been up to 1½ lbs. and there have been lots of throwbacks besides. The half day boat has had a super flounder week on the morning tides, with hihg hooks in the 30s. Flood tide has been best in the main channels. Watch for the Friday, Sept. 23 weakfish trip which is sailing at 6PM.Call for details.

We hear from Capt. Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** that through Saturday night there has been excellent bluefishing for his charters. Things took a slide on Sunday, however. All of the night trips have been especially great with high hooks 25-30 under the stars, fishing going up to 14 lbs. Jim Purcell of upstate NY hoisted a 14 lber. Maureen Brauley had a 9½ lb. blue and Victoria Albolfi had 8.1 lb. blue. Both gals were with Katz advertising. Frank Sorrentino took high hook and pool honors Saturday. Action has been south and southwest of Jones on both bait and on jigs. Saturday's day trip was excellent.

From the charter boat **Nan-sea** we hear of Saturday's trip for Mike Murphy which trolled a good catch of bluefin tuna SE of Jones in 140 feet of water. Sunday's trip for Bob Lucas of Lucas Stone chummed blues. A dusky was T&R and a 160 lb. mako was brought aboard fishing to the SE of

the inlet in 110 feet of water.

A call from the charter boat **Lady J III** told of Thurs. trip for Eastman Kodak with fair bluefish jigging at the Three Sisters. Friday's trip for Art Rice and group has good bluefish catches at Cholera on bait and chum, while on Saturday the same could be said for Dick Ruben's group. On Sunday a trip for Don Galent and party had rather poor bluefishing on jigs, bait and chum.

from the **Capt. Al** we learned of continued good bluefishing most days and nights close in. From the **Starstream II** we learn of continued good bluefishing on both day and night trips with the exception of Sunday which could only be classified as fair to good. Fish are averaging 2-7 lbs., but are going as big as 10 lbs. Catches are being made fairly local, just as short ride from the jetty.

The **Miss FreeportII** is also have continued excellent night bluefish and is also on the day trips have excellent bottom fishing for porgies, sea bass and a sprinkling of blacks.

Captain Al Bala of the charter boat **Nicki B** told of Sunday's trip for John Santoro taking 6 yellowfin tuna, 50-80 lbs., NW of the Texas Tower on green machines.

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the **Super Spray II** is now switching their daytime schedule to sea bass, porgies and blacks sailing 7AM daily for a full day's fishing. The boat is, of course, continuing its nightly bluefish program with catches being very good every night on bait and chum. The Association boats that are trolling blues are loading up and they're doing the same on bait and chum. Fishing is close in at Cholera. Tuna

Bruce Sarna and Ron Keiper with a 5 lb. fluke that topped off the day's catch for the crew aboard the 'Cardinal Puff.' Fishing was done in Swift Creek and the catch was checked in at Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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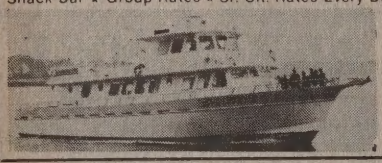

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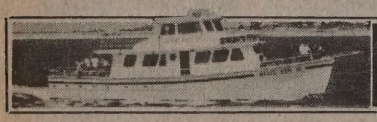

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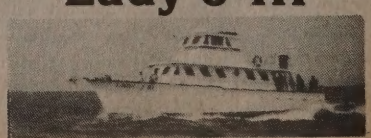

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The Kearney family show part of the day's results from a fluke trip aboard the Point Lookout charter boat, "Marie III."

and wahoo are being taken roughly 40 miles from the inlet and the Mud Hole should come alive shortly.

From **Anthony's Fishing Station** we hear that some nice flounder catches and some contuining fluke catches are being brought in from the Short Beach and Zachs Bay area. Flounder are in the deeper holes at Short Beach and Zachs Bay along with small, but fat porgies. Blackfish have started again at the bridges. Merrick Bay has provided some of the better fluke catches on live killes.

IN Nearly **Point Lookout** Capt. Bill called to advise that he has now switched over to flounder everyday. His AM trips have been producing anywhere from 9 to 20 good flatties a man. In addition to the flounder, a couple of fluke, porgies, blacks and sea bass are also being caught with the flood tide best.

The **Miss Point Lookout** has also now switched to flounder and catches have been very good on the flood all week said Capt. Ron. On Friday's AM trip Eric Olsen had 20 flounder. On Saturday's AM trip George Nemmick had 24 flounder while Sunday's PM trip saw Robbie Browdy take the pool. Floods tide has been best and things look very encouraging for a strong fall flounder season. The night blues continue superb, the best that Ron says he's ever seen. He described it as a "slaughter" every night. Steve Klosowsky had 47 choppers. High hooks are in the 40s and 50s most every night. Saturday night was a little tough with only 300 fish coming over the rail that night. Catches are in the 4-15 lb. range and it should be a jumping September and October for blues.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we learn of Thursday's half day AM trip for porgies, sea bass, flounder, kings, snappers and blowfish. Catches were on clam at the Meadowbrook Bridge and in Reynolds. Thursday night's trip for American Airlines saw excellent bluefishing at the Sisters on bait and chum with 10 anglers having roughly 250 fish. Friday's tuna trip had 3 yellowfins caught from 50-85 lbs. with two others dropped at the boat on bait and chum north of the Virginia Wreck. On Saturday, fares trolled white umbrellas off the pink

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Danny and Alexander Schlomm with two 10 lb. stripers and an 8.13 lb. fluke taken at Norton's Point. Photo courtesy of Reynold's Reef Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach.

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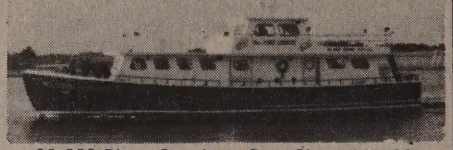

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hotel (now the white condo) with excellent catches of blues from 2-7 lbs. plus a few bonito and Spanish mackerel. On Sunday blues were jigged in 30 feet of water, fish 2-4 lbs. The skipper says he still has some choice weekdays available for Sept. and Oct.

We hear from **Ed's Fishing Station** that 17 fluke was high hook in that department for the week with the fish caught in the flats. Several other fluke catches were made by anglers drifting the flood tide at Reynolds. Blackfish have returened to the local bridges and are hittin fiddlers. Lots of sand porgies and sea bass at Reynolds, Fundy and at the golf course on clam and worm. Lots of snappers around.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** comes word of a 5 lb. fluke caught Sunday across from the station by 7 year old Randy Eichen. There was also a 5¼ lb. fluke taken Saturday in Reynolds by Joseph Pagnoni. Live killies and a flood tide applied in both instances.

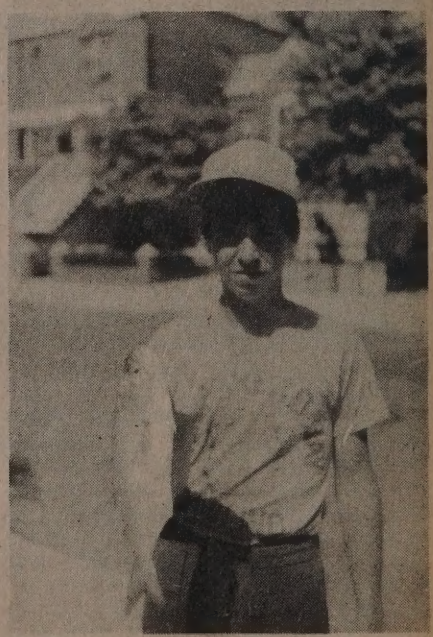
Over at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** Charlie told us that plenty of flounder are being caught off the Jones Beach Piers and at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Most are keeper size. Generally good floundering has started from the Short Beach CG to the JB Piers. Snappers remain excellent all over with a lot of 2-4 lb. blues mixed in with them. BCC's a good item on incoming at Bay Park and Woodmere Park.

Over at **Long Beach Sports Marina** word comes in that flounder have taken over top priority with nice scores being caught in Reynolds Channel. Bob and Frank Santini had 32 to 1½ lbs. off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Pete Dowling, Frank Patera and Marty Pettit loaded up a bucket with flounder at Duck Point. Worms and chum are the ticket and the beginning of the ebb is best. Some bass trolled on white bucktails at the AB bridge as evidenced by Mike Nichols with several running 4-7 lbs. on white bucktails Saturday. Big blues and weaks under the bunker schools in Reynolds at dawn and dusk. Good blackfishing once again at the Gong and AB bridge on fiddlers.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station in** Atlantic Beach comes word that the fluke have thinned out but there are lots of blackfish being caught at both ends of the AB bridge on fiddlers. Fish are running 1½ to 2 lbs. but a few going to 4. A few bass and blues at the Tin Can at night on worms.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway told of mixed bag catches of fluke, flounder and blackfsih on the inside. Blues are being trolled, jigged and baited anywhere from 30 feet on out. Snappers a hot item in Bay Park and E. Rockaway channel and lots of small sea bass and some porgies around on worm and clam.



Fifteen-year-old LIF subscriber, Joel Dickerman shows his first ever bluefish. He caught it in Jamaica Bay on a Krocodile Spoon.

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	3:00	3:30	4:15	4:40	3:50	4:20	5:15	5:35	7:40	8:05	6:50	7:10	3:05	3:35	9/15
FRI.	4:00	4:30	5:15	5:40	4:55	5:20	6:15	6:30	8:35	9:00	7:50	8:10	4:05	4:35	9/16
SAT.	5:05	5:25	6:15	6:30	5:55	6:15	7:10	7:20	9:30	9:50	8:45	9:00	5:00	5:25	9/17
SUN.	6:05	6:20	7:00	7:20	6:45	7:00	7:55	8:00	10:15	10:35	9:30	9:50	5:50	6:10	9/18
MON.	6:45	7:05	7:40	7:55	7:30	7:45	8:30	8:40	11:00	11:20	10:15	10:30	6:35	6:55	9/19
TUES.	7:25	7:45	8:20	8:35	8:10	8:25	9:05	9:15	11:35	11:50	10:50	11:05	7:15	7:35	9/20
WED.	8:05	8:20	8:55	9:10	8:50	9:00	9:40	9:50	—	12:00	11:25	11:45	7:55	8:15	9/21
THURS.	8:40	8:55	9:30	9:45	9:20	9:30	10:10	10:25	12:05	12:10	—	12:00	8:35	8:50	9/22

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/15	6:39	7:11
FRI. 9/16	6:40	7:09
SAT. 9/17	6:42	7:07
SUN. 9/18	6:43	7:06
MON. 9/19	6:44	7:04
TUE. 9/20	6:45	7:02
WED. 9/21	6:46	7:01

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/15	3:44PM	12:05AM
FRI. 9/16	4:31PM	12:55AM
SAT. 9/17	5:11PM	1:50AM
SUN. 9/18	5:46PM	2:48AM
MON. 9/19	6:16PM	3:48AM
TUE. 9/20	6:42PM	4:48AM
WED. 9/21	7:07PM	5:48AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/7	9/14	9/22	9/29

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:35	6:45	12:55	7:10
Fri.	1:25	7:30	1:40	7:55
Sat.	2:20	8:15	2:25	8:40
Sun.	2:55	9:00	3:10	9:25
Mon.	3:40	9:40	3:50	10:00
Tues.	4:15	10:25	4:25	10:45
Wed.	5:00	11:00	5:10	11:25
Thurs.	5:40	11:40	5:50	11:55

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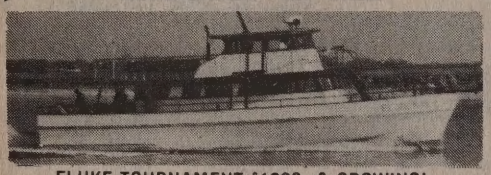

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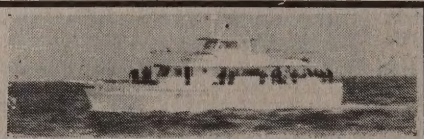

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As for the boats out of **Sheepshead Bay**, the **Dorothy B VII** reports excellent porgy catches at the edge of the channels and at the Highland grounds A 5 lb. sea bass took the pool Saturday. Doubles and triples on the porgies were fairly common all week. Fish are mediums with some jumbos mixed in, all on clam. Action has been best between the tides.

Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** passed the word that loads of blues are being caught at Farms and 17 Fathoms days and nights and at the Tin Can days. Albacore and bonito are mixed in. Some of the boats are ranging further out and bringing back good yellowfin tuna catches. The **Pilot II** has been having excellent porgy and blackfish catches on local wrecks. Fluking has been slow and everything has been quiet on bass and weaks.

Captain George of the **Pastime II** called to say the fluking has been picking up day by day. On Saturday Tom McHugh, Nj was high hook with 23 fluke and 11 blues. The fluke went to 5½ lbs. with spearing and fish bellies best working west bank and between the channels. Blues and bonito are also being caught on the daily fluke trips. Please note that the boat's night trips have stopped for the season as of this week.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

Torrid weather brought most of the Sound bluefishing to a screeching halt on Saturday with a slight upswing on Sunday. Porgy fishing out east became excellent, and there were summer weaks for those who dallied in the Peconics.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle reported big blues to 15 lbs. under the schools of bunker in most harbors. Milton and Mamaroneck were very good in the early mornings. A few nighttime bass were taken by chunkers and by worm trollers, and there were loads of snappers in the area.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** said that local porgies seemed to be smaller and there were a few stray blues in the area, fish to 9 lbs. The **Glen Cove**

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **4 Winds** said that the primry action was from big bluefish under the bunker schools and that most days last week were "like the old days" with fish from 6 to 13 lbs. in every harbor, every bay and off the Lilco station. The trick was to snag bunker and to drop the bunker down through the schools; chunking worked, too, at times. Bass off Eatons could be picked around the change of tides on worms fished on the bottom. The pajamas were in the 6-12 lb. class and 1 to 4 fish per boat was the norm. Some 3-4 lb. blues plus porgies in the 1½ lb. class were also in that Eatons area from the OB to buoy 13. Northport Bay had smaller porgies on the bottom along with some small weaks.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** mentioned large blues to 10-15 lbs. in Northport Harbor, Northport Bay and off Sand City. He suggested rigging a live bunker with a 4 oz. drail and piano wire and going heavy on these slammers.

Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** said that local Port Jeff anglers were loading blackfish off Oldfield Point with some 3-6 lb. tautog taken on fiddlers and green crabs. There were tons of porgies in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. range and everybody had blues until the weekend.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** saw plenty of blues from 2½ to 15 lbs. and weighed one 12½ lb. weakfish from the buoy 9 area. He said that there were some porgies over 1½ lbs. on local rock piles as well as some smaller scup off Miller Place. Some blackfish were already appearing in fishing station catches.

Ken Freeman from the **Angler's Den** in **Selden** said that the amount of bait in the Sound was tremendous with anchovies, bunker and all kinds

Sport Shop told us that Rod Raso pulled an 11.7 lb. weakfish from the Bayville area a week ago and that the chunk fishing had slowed down. Still, the blues at the mouth of Hempstead Harbor could be enticed by wire line and Sekora rigs. There was a showing of flounder off Garvey's and, of course, there were tons of snappers around.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** said he'd had a few decent days on porgies last week with lots of pins and occasional nice fish between Eaton's and Smithtown Bay. The boat picked up 4-6 tatog each day plus occasional sea bass and small weakfish. Bigger porgies are expected when waters begin to cool.

Joe Fink said that bluefishing was good until Saturday on the **Lady Lil III**. The boat has been sold and is on her way to Sheepshead Bay. Fink expects to be lobstering for awhile and may take some six man charters for bass later this season.

Larry Ferrara and Mary Dardis with the 12 lb. blue Larry decked on the City Island open boat, "Ebb Tide III."

of stuff to keep the bluefish happy. This could be one of the reasons for the occasional picky nature of the larger blues. Ken advises that there are already flounder off Mount Sinait and that green bonito have been appearing with the blues in the Sound, too. Sound water temperatures are now 65-66 degrees.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** described super weekday bluefishing on 3-12 lb. fish until Saturday when it was a "day to forget" with only 8 fish on the boat. Fortunately Sunday was a rebounding situation with 2-3 fish per man up to a high hook of 7 blues in the 2-6 lb. class. Monday to Friday saw the fish anywhere from Eatons and Cranes to the Stamford Reef and Lloyds, and the best shot Sunday was in the morning off Norwalk. Some of the bluefish schools have become really spooky in the warm water and are impossible to get close to, advised Packy.

NORTH FORK

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** described fabulous Saturday morning weakfishing off Rose's Grove with fish ranging from summer weaks all the way to 7 lbs. Porgies were banging away off the Middle Grounds with some larger scup mixing with the sands. The weaks were best fished with high hook squid or with sand worms worked back into a surface slick. **Warren's** in Aquebogue said that there were weaks off buoys 2 and 4 as well with 7-8 fish per boat catches for those who hit the fish at the right times. The Sound beaches had absolutely nothing to offer and wise folks were taking their Cartwright bunker rigs back west.

The **Mattituck Inlet Station** was still watching anglers pull mixed sizes of porgies to 1½ lbs. from Cooper's and the Water Tower. Some blackfish to 4 lbs. were mixed along with sea bass and a few small weakfish. There were small bluefish off the motel.

Ace Cottral told us that there were nice flounder and porgies near the **Port of Egypt Station** on the Sound but that some of the biggest flounder were on the bay side of Orient. Blackfish are now somewhat larger but the fluking is dead. Dragging seems to have killed a flurry of blues and fluke off Ben's Point. There are sand porgies everywhere in the Peconics and some larger fish were seen in catches from Jessups and the South Ferry.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** told us that most of the blues in the Race were 5-6 lbs. and that the fish at Pigeon Rip were still available on very early tides. Weaks in the Bay off Greenport were definitely worth drifting for, and the kids were all busy with local snappers off the docks. Fluking down at Gardiner's was dead.

John Rainis was still working on blackfish with the **Blue Albatross** and had a pair of 10 lb. tautog on Sunday. Most of the fish were mixed sizes and there were a lot of porgies around.

George Porter of the **Brand X** had three days of very good porgy action through the weekend with an average fish of 1½ lbs. and top fish of 3¾. He's fishing 45 to 50 feet of water in strong tides that require 10 ounce of lead. Porter feels that these groups of scup show no signs of dissipating but that three days on each body of fish pushes them pretty hard. Thus he works on different groups of fish through the week. John Duggan of

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the **Peconic Star** hit a blast of porgies on Sunday in the Gut and north of Gull Island on the typical blackfish grounds. Jose Ortiz had a 3½ lb. triggerfish sandwiched among a huge pile of porgies that he and his group of four anglers took. Duggan recommends six ounces of lead on slack water but says that even 12 isn't enough when strong tides run in the Gut area.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The surf picture showed some signs of improving despite the recent heat wave. Good sized blues spiced the action for surfmen at both ends of the Island with Montauk finally showing signs of life and Breezy Point getting in its licks also.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop in Lynbrook** relayed word of a good showing of 6-10 lb. blues along with a showing of a few bass in Ft. Tilden and at the Breezy Point Jetty on Thursday and Friday. He weighed a striper of 30 lbs. that was taken at Breezy 4AM Friday morning before the blues took over. He thought that swimming plugs were accounting for most of the action here. Charlie also knew that West End Jones Beach enjoyed a flurry of school bass activity at mid week. Rebels, RedFins and small Gibbs Darters accounted for these fish.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina**, Bernie Haag said that a few local surfmen working the Atlantic Beach and Rockaway rock piles have been using Rebels and droppers to take school bass up to 14 lbs. in the early AM and evenings.

LIF subscriber Peter Paterson of Brooklyn Heights spent Labor Day morning chasing a school of 3-6 lb. blues down the beach between Saltair and the Robert Moses Park border. Before he was done, he had a dozen blues on the sand via Kastmasters. Peter caught his fish on a 9 foot surf rod which was raffled off at last spring's LIF Surf Fishing Seminar. He added that the blues were feeding on schools of snappers in tight to the beach.

Out at **Moriches**, Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle in Patchogue** spoke of a few blues, weaks and school bass being picked at the jetties over the course of the week, but no real steady action. There have been occasional flurries of bluefish action on the beach in front of Smith Point Pavilion. Some of the blues have been big. Paul also related a story told to him by a couple of surfmen who witnessed a netter make a large haul of big stripers on

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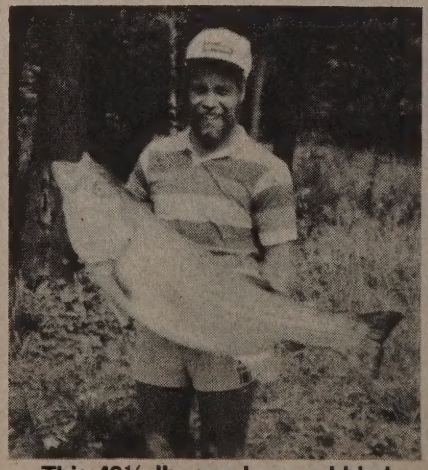
the beach west of the inlet late Friday morning. The fish were all said to be in the 30 to 40 lb. range.

Tom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said that lots of small blues along with a few small bass roamed the ocean beaches between Shinnecock and Mecox this past week and weekend. He did know of a 10 lb. weakfish taken Saturday morning near Flying Point. Tins have been doing the damage here. A few fish also being taken at Shinnecock Inlet's easy jetty on Rebels, RedFins, and Darters. Most of this activity is confined to school bass.

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch had some good news for those who like to ply the Point in their quest for surf action. Six to 10 lb. bluefish put in regular appearances late in the week and over the weekend between dawn and 7:30AM on the south side beach near the Atlantic Terrace. A few fish were also taken during the evening on Sunday. Tins and poppers accounted for catches as high as 10 to 15 blues per man during the early morning sessions. The Montauk tackle man was also encouraged by the first showing of weakfish under the light. Half a dozen of the tide-runners were taken on Saturday night along with a few small blues and bass by only a handful of casters. Darters played their usual role here.



This 42½ lb. cow bass gobbled a bucktail fitted with a strip of pork rind. It was taken on the "back side" of Shinnecock by surf regular Gary Hall of Sonshine Tackle.

North Shore reports were again scant but we do know that big blues have been riding herd on schools of bunker in all the harbors and anyone with access to the shores of Huntington, Northport or Hempstead Harbors might do well to check these beaches out in the early morning hours. Crescent Beach in Hempstead Harbor produced blues in the 12-16 lb. range for several casters throwing popping plugs near the top of the tide earlier this past week. This according to **Glen Cove Sport Shop**.

Casters working the bar at the mouth of the Nissequogue River in Sunken Meadow State Park enjoyed almost blitz like fishing for small blues on a number of occasions this past week and weekend. Blues in the 1-2 lb. class along with a few small bass and 2-4 lb. weakfish are being taken on poppers, tins and swimmers, but casters throwing Needlefish plugs had the edge over everyone else. The Sunken Meadow shore produced blues of 5 and 10 lbs. for Steve Golofaro on Sunday morning. Danny (the mailman) plugged 3 blues up to 5 lbs. also Sunday AM.

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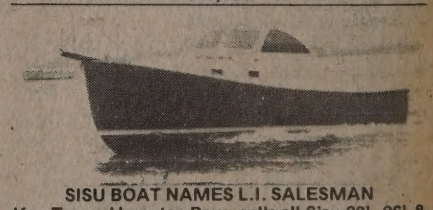

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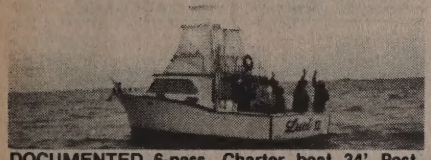

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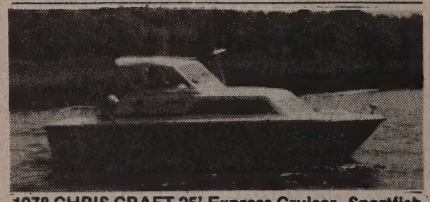

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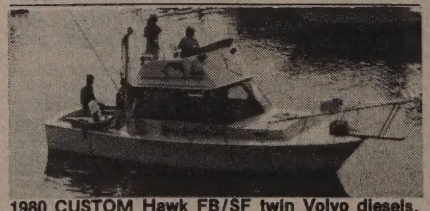

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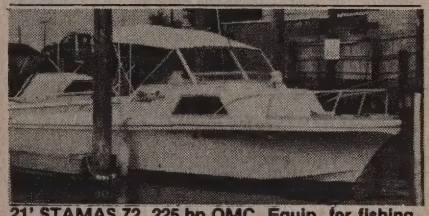

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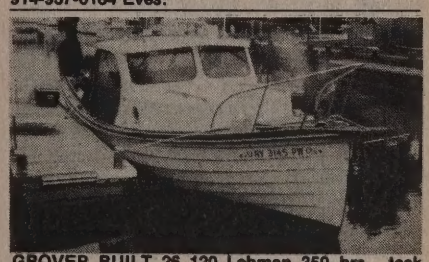

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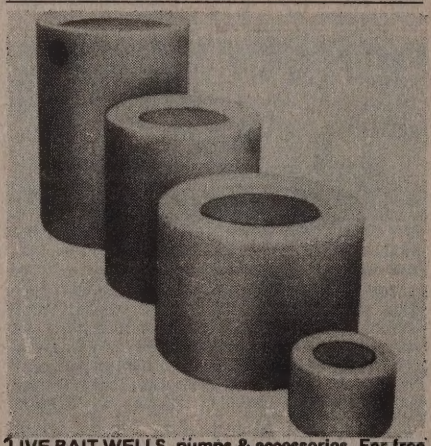

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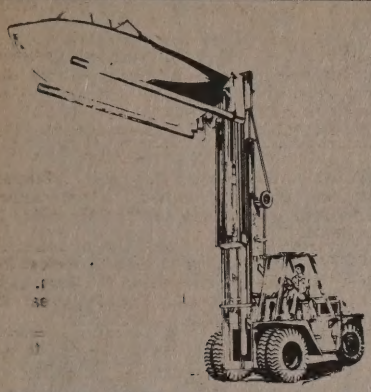

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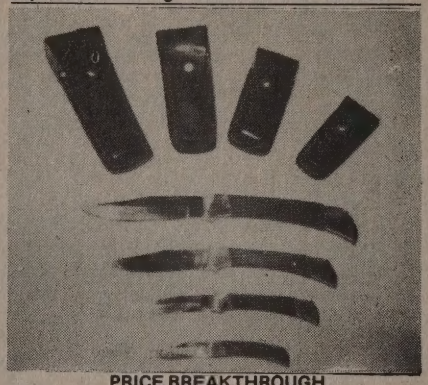

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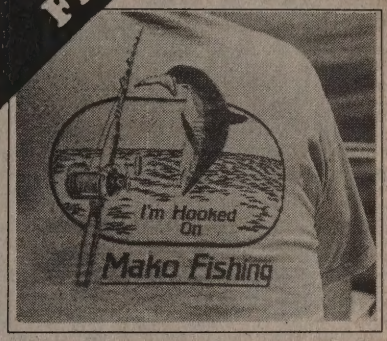

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